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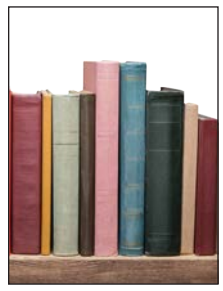

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Frankel Center Scholars focus on Israel

by Shachar Pinsker

As I traveled to Israel this summer, the news was briefly dominated by a report of a committee with a long name: "The Committee for the Empowerment of the Culture of Sephardic and Eastern Jewry in the Educational System." The committee—which became known as "The Biton Committee" after its chair, the poet Erez Biton, a native of Algeria and a recipient of the Israel Prize for Literature— was established to examine and improve the way in which Sephardi and Mizrahi heritage is taught in the Israeli school system. It presented its final report to Education Minister Naftali Bennett on July 7, and the presentation brought intense news coverage and a heated discussion in the media.

The fact that a lengthy report of 360 pages, written by poets, academics and scholars would dominate the headlines might seem surprising. But in addressing educational inequality, the Biton Committee exposed the complexities of Israeli histories, societies and cultures.

Why did the report create so much interest and debate? Journalists highlighted the committee's recommendations to take Israeli students to trips to Spain, Morocco and the Balkans—in ways similar to students' trips to concentration camps in Poland—as well as to graves of *tzadikim*, holy men of Sephardi or Mizrahi decent. For some, the recommendations were seen as part of "culture war" between Ashkenazim and Mizrahim, religious and secular Israelis. Others claimed that ministers in the Israeli government wanted to use the committee's recommendations in a way to bolster their popularity, instead of taking the opportunity to integrate Jewish Mizrahi or Arab-Jewish history, culture and literature into school curricula, thus building a new sense of Israeliness that is more inclusive and pluralistic.

Shachar Pinsker

These debates are common in contemporary Israel. They erupt from time to time because they touch on central issues in Israel's evolving identity. The history and culture of Jews in Arab countries, their mass-immigration to Israel after the 1948 War, the discrimination against these immigrants by the Israeli elite of the time, and even the disappearance of children of Yemenite decent from their parents in Israel of the 1950s (another issue that dominated media and public debate in the summer of 2016) are not just topics for scholars who study the past, but something that is relevant to the life of Israelis today.

During the 2016–2017 academic year, the University of Michigan and the Ann Arbor community is fortunate to host 12 fellows who will devote their time to study Israeli histories, societies, and cultures in the Frankel Institute for Advanced Judaic Studies. These leading scholars are coming from Israel, Europe, and the United States. Among them are historians, scholars of literature, politics, popular culture, architecture and urban studies. All of them are highly committed to studying Israel not in isolation, but in a comparative way, in the context of Jewish studies, Middle Eastern studies and Global studies.

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Author Zoe Fishman kicks off Jewish Book Festival at Shinola's

Karen Freedland, special to the WJN

Arts Around Town: Jewish Book and Arts Festival, the revitalized and re-envisioned Ann Arbor Jewish Book Festival, produced by the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor, will present its kick-off event, author talk with Zoe Fishman, at Shinola's coffeehouse in downtown Ann Arbor on October 25. A cocktail meet and greet catered by Jolly Pumpkin Café and Brewery will begin at 6 p.m. and the author will speak at 7 p.m. Longtime community member and past Jewish Book Festival Chairperson Alice Fishman, will host the conversation with the author on her new book *Inheriting Edith,* a poignant novel that delves into the nature of relationships, memory, secrets, and the Alzheimer's Disease diagnosis which causes one secret to be revealed.

Zoe Fishman

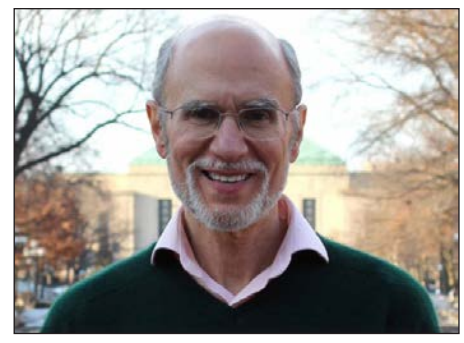
Zoe Fishman is the critically acclaimed author of *Driving Lessons* (Morrow, April 2014), *Saving Ruth* (Morrow, May 2012), and *Balancing Acts* (Harper, March 2010). Her books have been translated into German, Italian, Dutch, and Polish. She is the recipient of myriad awards, including Target's Breakout and Emerging Author Picks, *NY Post* Pick, Mom's Choice Award, and Barnes & Noble Hot Read. Interviews and profiles of Zoe Fishman have been featured on NBC's "Atlanta & Co." and FGTV, and in *Publisher's Weekly, Mobile Bay Magazine*, *The Atlanta Jewish Times*, and *The Huffington Post*. Her articles have been published in *Time Out* and on FoxNews.com, among others.

Copies of Zoe Fishman's book will be available for purchase at the event as well as at the Ann Arbor JCC, November 1–December 15. Shinola's coffee house can accommodate only 45 people for the cocktail party, so advance purchase is strongly recommended. The cost is $10 for current members of the Ann Arbor JCC or $15 for community members. Tickets can be purchased in advance online at www.jccannarbor.org or by calling (734) 971-0990. For more information, contact Karen Freedland, director of Jewish Cultural Arts and Education by emailing karenfreedland@jccannarbor.org or calling (734) 971-0990. ■

Hadassah October meeting to address anti-Semitism

Maxine Solvay, special to the WJN

Media reports of anti-Semitism are increasing. Steven Spielberg, in his May commencement address at Harvard University, told the graduates that the world "is full of monsters" espousing "racism, homophobia, ethnic hatred, class hatred," and "religious hatred." As reported in the *Jerusalem Post* (5/28/16), Speilberg went on to say, "As a kid, I was bullied — for being Jewish. This was upsetting, but compared to what my parents and grandparents had faced, it felt tame. Because we truly believed that anti-Semitism was fading. And we were wrong. Over the last two years, nearly 20,000 Jews have left Europe to find higher ground. And earlier this year, I was at the Israeli embassy when President Obama stated the sad truth. He said: 'We must confront the reality that around the world, anti-Semitism is on the rise. We cannot deny it.'"



Victor Lieberman

Professor Victor Lieberman will be presenting important information about the current status of anti-Semitism at Hadassah Ann Arbor's October 30 meeting. The talk, entitled "Anti-Semitism Since 1945: What Has Changed?," will compare social and cultural currents in Europe that generated the Holocaust, with contemporary pressures in Europe and the Mideast sustaining anti-Zionism and anti-Semitism.

Lieberman's talk is open to Hadassah members and associates. It will be held on Sunday,

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To our readers:

Included in this issue is an updated Organization Contact List, to replace the incomplete list published in this year's *Jewish Life in Washtenaw County*. Our apologies to those groups that were mistakenly left out of the original list.

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ROSH HASHANAH	10/2	10/3	Tashlich	10/4
Beth Israel Congregation		8 a.m.	5 p.m.	8 a.m.
Family Celebration	4 p.m.			
Children's Programs K–5/6th- 8th		10 a.m.		10 a.m.
Mincha		5 p.m.		7 p.m.
Ma'ariv	8 p.m.	7:15 p.m.		7 p.m.
Desert Reception	9:15 p.m..			
K–8th Grade		10 a.m.	5 p.m. Mincha followed by Tashlich	
Chabad House of Ann Arbor	7 p.m.	9:45 a.m.	4 p.m	9:45 a.m./7 p.m.
Sounding of the shofar, festive meal		11:30 a.m.		11:30 a.m.
Hillel				
Conservative	7 p.m.	9:30 a.m	12:15 p.m. or 4 p.m.	9:30 a.m
Orthodox (AAOM)	7 p.m.	9 a.m/7 p.m.		9 a.m.
Reform	7 p.m.	10 a.m.		
Jewish Cultural Society	7 p.m.		noon	
Pardes Hannah		9:30 a.m.		9:30 a.m.
Reconstructionist Congregation	7 p.m.	9:30 a.m.	3:30 p.m.	10 a.m.
Children Service		10:30 a.m.		
Temple Beth Emeth	8 p.m.		1:45 p.m.	
Family Service		9 a.m.		
Traditional		11 a.m.		
AARTY		11 a.m.		
Birthday of the World Service		4:30 p.m.		

YOM KIPPUR	10/11	10/12	BREAK-THE-FAST
Beth Israel Congregation	6:30 p.m.	8 a.m.	7:40 p.m.
K-8th Grade	6:30 p.m.	10 a.m.	
Programs for 9th–12th (GSAC 2010 Washtenaw)	6:30 p.m.		
Study Session		4 p.m.	
Mincha,		4:45 p.m.	
Neilah (closing)		6:15 p.m.	
Yizkor (Memorial) service		11 a.m. (approx.)	
Chabad House	6:45 p.m.	9:45 a.m.	7:35 p.m.
Yizkor Memorial Services		12:30 p.m.	
Afternoon/Evening Services,		5 p.m.	
Hillel			
Conservative	6:30 p.m.	9 a.m./5:30 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
Orthodox (AAOM)	6:30 p.m.	9 a.m.	6:25 p.m.
Reform	6:30 p.m.	10 a.m./5:30 p.m.	6:45 p.m.
Jewish Cultural Society	6:30 p.m.	2 p.m.	6 p.m.
Pardes Hannah	5:45 p.m	9 a.m.	7:40 p.m.
Embodied Practice		2:15 pm	
Meditation		3:30 pm	
Yiskor		5 pm	
Neiliah		6:15 pm	
Reconstructionist Congregation	7 p.m.	10 a.m.	7:45 p.m.
Children 's Service		10 a.m.	
Workshops		2:15 p.m.–5:30 p.m.	
Yizkor		5:15p.m.–6:30 p.m.	
Neilah		6:45 p.m.–7:45 p.m.	
Temple Beth Emeth	**8 p.m.**		
Family Service		9 a.m.	
Traditional		10:45 a.m.	
Learning Event with Rabbi		2 p.m.	
Afternoon Service		2:30 p.m.	5:30 p.m.

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Arts Around Town: Jewish Book and Arts Fest begins October 25

Clara Silver, special to the WJN

Arts Around Town: Jewish Book and Arts Fest, presented by the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor, is the new Ann Arbor Jewish Book Festival, seeking to excite the community through the written word and the many forms of human artistic expression and exploration which take shape through and intersect with books, music, dance, film, and visual arts. Festival director Karen Freedland explains the changes saying, "we are responding to the challenges of modern life. We don't want busy people to feel they might miss an event that speaks to them, so the festival won't be compressed into a two week span any more. Instead, we will spread it out over the fall." Arts Around Town will run from October 25, through December 11, a little over six weeks, and will include author talks, workshops, family events, and more, as well as the traditional book and gift sale in the atrium and Amster Gallery at the Ann Arbor JCC. A new Barnes and Noble Book Fair will take place between November 11, and November 23, during which a portion of the proceeds from any book purchases at the local Barnes and Noble store will be donated to the Ann Arbor JCC.

The schedule of events includes the kick-off cocktail party and author talk on Tuesday, October 25, at 6 p.m., featuring author Zoe Fishman at Shinola's coffee house in the lower level of its Main Street store for which there is a small fee. The author talk will be at 7 p.m. and will be free. The featured sponsor event will be dinner with author Jeffrey Rosen at Sava's at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, November 7, followed by the free and open author talk with Rosen at the University of Michigan Rackham Amphitheater (4th floor), speaking on his newest book *Louis Brandeis:American Prophet*, released on the 100th anniversary of Justice Brandeis' confirmation as the first Jewish Supreme Court justice.

Jeffrey Rosen

Beginning November 1, the Ann Arbor JCC will once again host a book and gift sale in its lobby and Amster Gallery hallway. Books and other items will continue to be available for purchase until December 15. Author books will be available for purchase prior to author events, as well as after if they are not sold out before or during author events.

On Wednesday, November 9, at 7 p.m. Bella Meyer will present a multimedia presentation titled, "My Grandfather, Marc Chagall," sharing her personal history of inspiration from her famous artist grandfather. The next day, Thursday, November 10, 2016 at 7 p.m., Meyer will offer a workshop in her art, architectural floral design. Meyer has designed arrangements as small as individual bouquets and installations as large as multi-story, room-sized environments. Both Meyer events will take place at the Ann Arbor JCC and both have a small fee.

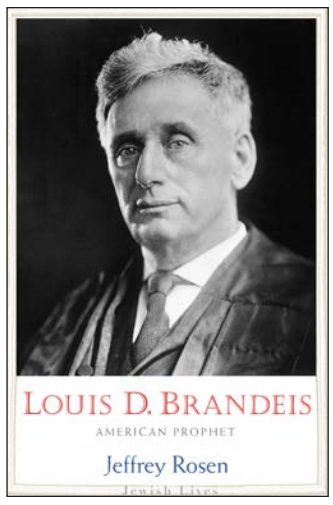
Bella Meyer

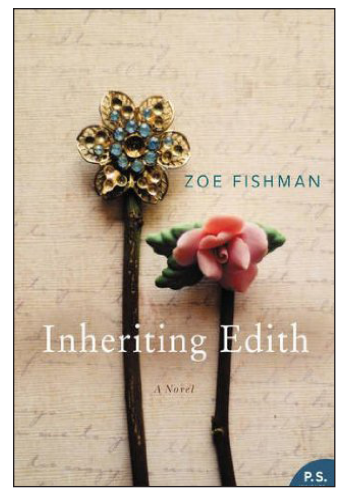
The Barnes and Noble Book Fair kicks off on Friday, November 11, 2016 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. with a free family friendly scavenger hunt inside the store on Washtenaw Avenue in the Huron Village plaza. Sunday, November 13, includes two events both hosted at the Ann Arbor JCC. At 10:30 a.m. the annual Local Authors Brunch will host eight authors who are based in Ann Arbor along with a light bagel brunch for a small fee. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear brief presentations by every author, as well as meet the authors and purchase their books. At 3:30 p.m. the popular musician Rick Recht will perform a family concert presented by Ann Arbor's PJ Library program along with community agency and synagogues sponsors (to be announced). There is also a fee for the concert. PJ Library is a community funded program to distribute Jewish themed books to young children; PJ Our Way allows older elementary aged students to choose their own books, and both programs are free of charge to participant families. One week later, Sunday, November 20, Arts Around Town returns to Barnes and Noble in Huron Village for the workshop, "Curious George Does Science," led by Stacy Martin. Children ages 3–5 will work with Stacy at 10 a.m., and children ages 6–8 will work with her at 11 a.m. Participants will be charged a small fee.

On Monday, November 21, at 4 p.m. at the University of Michigan School of Music Britton Recital Hall, Professor Mark Clague presents a special exploration of composer George Gershwin through performance with guest musicians on the piano Gershwin himself actually played. This event is free and open to public.

A special showing of the film *On the Map* will be presented on December 8, at 6 p.m. at the University of Michigan Palmer Commons' Forum Theater. This fast paced, inspiring documentary chronicles Israel's 1977 Tel-Aviv Maccabi professional basketball team and their historic performance in the very first European Cup. The film explores its impact in Israel, still reeling from the aftermath of the 1973 Yom Kippur War, during this watershed year at the height of the cold war. There will be a small entrance fee to the film.

The final event of Arts Around Town on Sunday, December 11, at 10:30 a.m. at the JCC, will feature a champagne brunch and the NYC Dance Project, a collaboration between Deborah Ory and Ken Brower, both well-known photographers in the fashion and magazine industries. Ory and Brower's mutual passion and interest in dance led them to create this unique intersection between performance and still photography to capture dancers in photo shoots designed with all the details of performance – movement, lighting, costumes, mood, and feeling. Their work is being turned into a large format coffee table book, *The Art of Movement* which is being released October 25. At this event, Ory will join choreographer and University of Michigan professor, Peter Sparling, in conversation about the project, the book, and more. There is a small fee to attend this event.





Arts Around Town is presented through the generous donations of community organizational and individual sponsorships. Sponsors receive passes to events, and those who sponsor at $500 or above receive an invitation for two to the intimate dinner with Jeffrey Rosen noted above. There are many volunteers who make up the event committee and help determine the variety of events. As noted in this article, some events are free of charge, while other events require a small fee. All events can be viewed and registered for online at book.jccannarbor.org. For more information, contact Karen Freedland, director of Jewish Cultural Arts and Education, at karenfreedland@jccannarbor.org or (734) 971-0990. ■

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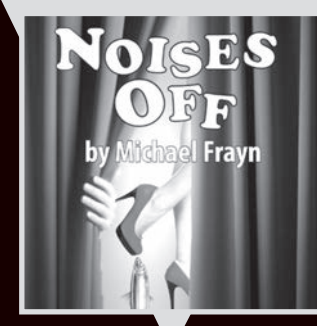

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JFS awarded Healthy Food Connect Grant

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Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County, with partner organizations Yad Ezra and Ypsilanti Meals on Wheels, has been awarded a $75,000 Healthy Food Connect grant from the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan (CFSEM). Created to address the nutritional needs of children and older adults, Healthy Food Connect is an initiative created by the CFSEM through a grant from the Michigan Health Endowment Fund. 20 projects, including JFS', and 72 partner organizations received grants totaling $2.5 million.

The Healthy Food Connect grant will allow JFS to significantly expand its home food delivery program. Currently, JFS provides home food delivery to approximately 70 older adult households. Yad Ezra also currently provides 100 boxes of kosher food per month, for 50 older adult households. Under the terms of the new grant, JFS and Ypsilanti Meals on Wheels will have the capacity to make home food deliveries to an additional 20 households per month, and Yad Ezra will increase the number of older adult kosher households it serves through JFS to 75. Ypsilanti Meals on Wheels will use its refrigerated truck to make the additional deliveries in Ypsilanti during its typically lighter afternoon hours, while JFS will purchase a used delivery truck to assist with picking up food from Food Gatherers and Yad Ezra, and home delivery in Ann Arbor. The funding will also assist JFS with several other program components, including adding significantly expanded nutritional education programming to its food pantry.

The Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan supports a wide variety of activities benefiting education, arts and culture, health, human services, community development and civic affairs in the seven counties of southeast Michigan. The Community Foundation's Healthy Food Connect Initiative seeks to connect children and seniors throughout the region to the people, places and programs that ensure they have healthy food access every day. The Michigan Health Endowment Fund's mission is to improve the health of Michigan residents and reduce the cost of healthcare, with special emphasis on the health and wellness of children and seniors. ■

On September 21, Jewish Women Doing Stuff enjoyed an evening of wine tasting and program planning for their fall and winter upcoming events.

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Israel Bonds' new "Alternative BDS" initiative takes direct aim at anti-Israel activism on campus

by Sarah Garfinkel

NEW YORK—As college students return to college campuses this fall, Israel Bonds is heightening emphasis on its new initiative, The Alternative BDS: Bonds Donated to Schools, intended to serve as a counterweight to anti-Israel activism on campus.

The initiative encourages Israel's supporters to oppose BDS on campus by donating long-term Israel bonds (five or ten-year maturities) to their college or university of choice. Because the institution must hold the bonds until maturity, donating Israel bonds encourages and facilitates educational institutions to be invested in Israel for a sustained period of time.

The initiative seeks to attract major donors to universities as well as students, fraternities and recent graduates who want to stay connected to their school, have personally experienced BDS on campus, or both.

Bonds President and CEO Izzy Tapoohi said, "Through The Alternative BDS, Israel Bonds and its supporters have an important, direct role to play in countering calls for divestment at universities. Donating Israel bonds to universities fights BDS on two levels – it is a concrete, personal means of rejecting pervasive anti-Israel activity on campus, and it is also a direct repudiation of the movement's principal goal of damaging the country financially."

Tapoohi noted BDS efforts have largely failed in this regard, citing a June headline from Bloomberg: "The Boycott Israel Movement May be Failing." The article states, "Signs (are) that an international movement to isolate Israel is gaining ground. Yet an examination of foreign capital flow into the country shows the opposite trend — a steep increase. Foreign investments in Israeli assets hit a record high last year of $285.12 billion, a near-tripling from 2005 when the so-called Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement was started by a group of Palestinians."

Tapoohi added, "BDS agitators have had no impact whatsoever on sales of Israel bonds, whether it be from our loyal retail clients or institutional investors." He pointed to significantly higher U.S. sales since 2011, including three consecutive years – 2013-2015 – in which U.S. sales exceeded $1 billion. Total U.S. sales since 2011 have surpassed $5 billion. ■

More on Israel Bonds

Israel bonds are debt securities issued by the government of Israel. Israel Bonds is also the commonly known name of Development Corporation for Israel (DCI), which underwrites the bonds in the United States. DCI is a Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) member broker-dealer. The bonds can help preserve capital, diversify personal or corporate investment portfolios, and provide protection from market fluctuations. Israel bonds are versatile securities that currently pay strong rates.

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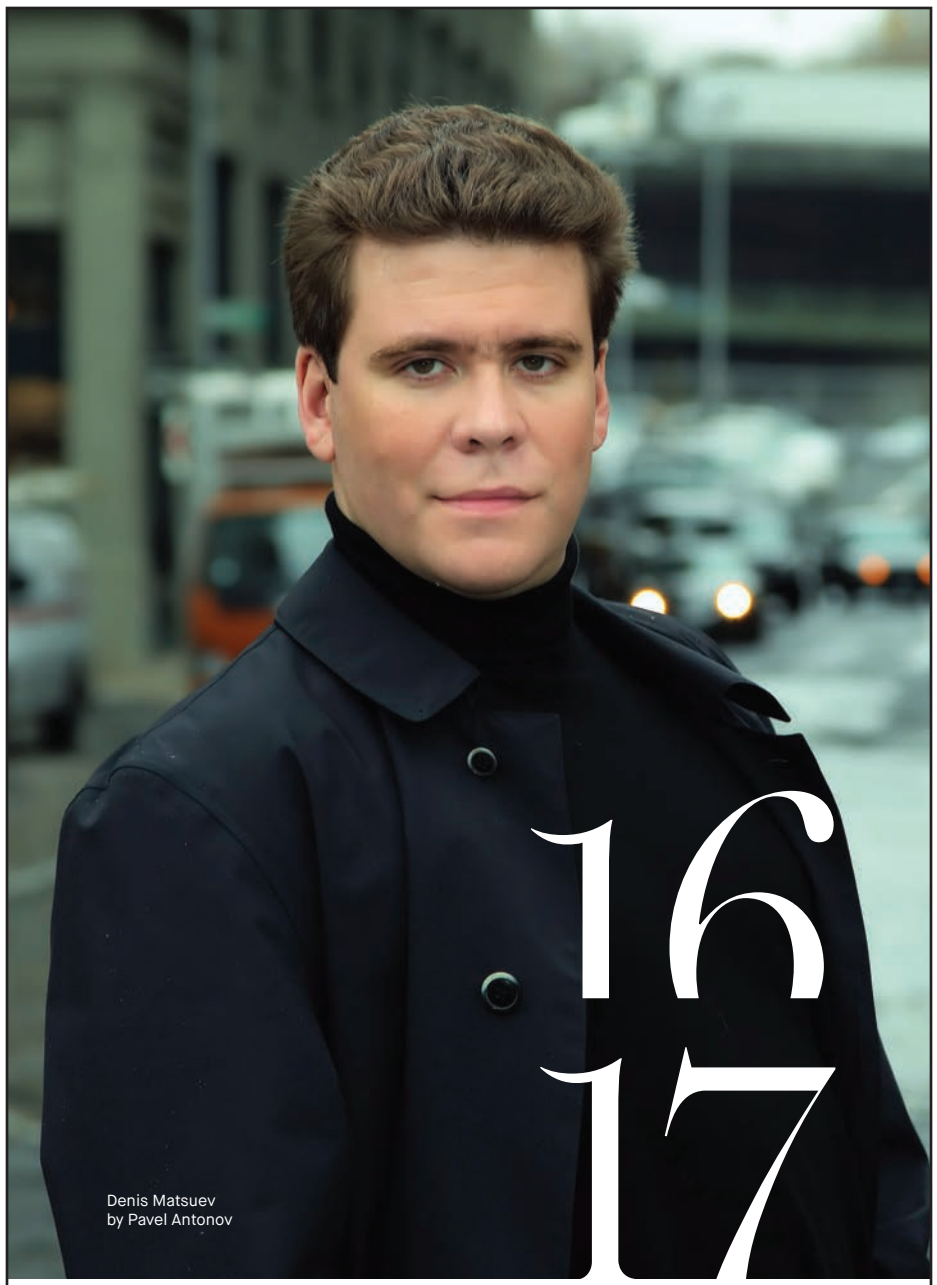

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PROGRAM

Beethoven	Sonata No. 31 in A-flat Major, Op. 110
Schumann	Symphonic Etudes, Op. 13
Liszt	Mephisto Waltz, S. 514
Tchaikovsky	Meditation, Op. 72, No. 5
Prokofiev	Sonata No. 7 in B-flat Major, Op. 83 ("Stalingrad")

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Using our physicality for spirituality on Rosh Hashanah

Rabbi Aharon Goldstein, special to the WJN

God willing, Sunday night, October 2, we'll be ushering in the holiday of Rosh Hashanah. The day of Rosh Hashanah is the day of judgement for the entire world. Everything is being judged—our physical as well as our spiritual needs. That is why, in the prayers of Rosh Hashanah, that we ask for health, children, wealth and also for success in our spiritual needs. Nevertheless, we know that the main theme of Rosh Hashanah is declaring God as our King, anew. This is the day that God has commanded us to inaugurate Him as our King. How do we do this? We do it mainly through our prayers. In our prayers we mention many times how we declare God as our King. As we say, God should be King over the entire world and the entire Earth.

Rabbi Aharon Goldstein

This begs a question – Is there a contradiction here? Since, on Rosh Hashanah, we declare God as our King, how is it actually done? It isn't done only by uttering words that God is the King but is actually done by subjugating ourselves totally to accept God as our King. We should be occupied to such an extent in nullifying and subjugating ourselves to God as our King that we don't make room to think about our personal needs. This is true when we are declaring a physical king. How much more so when we are declaring God as our King, the King of all Kings? So for sure when we speak about one needing to nullify and subjugate oneself in front of the King, it has to be a total subjugation and nullification, no room for thinking about ones personal needs. So how is it possible that during Rosh Hashanah we also ask for our personal and physical needs — our day–to–day mundane needs? How does that fit into the theme of Rosh Hashanah?

True, that it is mentioned by the commentators in the addendum to the Zohar that one who spends time during Rosh Hashanah to ask for their personal needs is compared to a dog which merely says, "Give me, give me". In other words they are only thinking about themselves rather than thinking about others. The addendum to the Zohar continues to say that in such a holy time and setting as Rosh Hashanah one should mainly think about God and not about ones physical needs. In contrast to the Zohar commentaries however, we see the way the rabbis constructed the prayer book and we do ask for our physical needs during Rosh Hashanah. When a person asks for these physical needs, they feel that they really need it. How can one, in the days of awe when we have to concentrate on the greatness of God, think about our physical needs?

The answer to this apparent contradiction is that there is no true contradiction between asking for our physical needs and asking for our spiritual needs. Because also, when we are asking for our physical needs, we are not asking for our own sakes alone, but rather, we are asking for God's sake as well. In order for God to permeate into this physical world as our King, we want to make certain that all of our physical needs are accounted for. In this physical world with its physical needs is where we can suffuse the awe of God. So when we say in our prayers that God should be the King of the entire world, it means that when a person occupies him or herself in this physical world, they don't do it for themselves. They do it by sanctifying, making holy and subjugating the world for God.

In order to successfully complete the above, we need our health, our livelihood, our sustenance, etc. When we have all of our physical needs met, we can use them to serve God and subsequently enable God to permeate throughout this physical world. So the necessity of physical needs is not merely a selfish need if we use our physicality to serve God and to properly fulfill His will for us as elucidated in the Torah. This will bring the light and illumination of God's holiness into the world at—large and make it a dwelling place for God.

When we have all of our physical needs met, we can use them to serve God and subsequently enable God to permeate throughout this physical world.

However, if we are honest with ourselves, we can see that when we pray for our physical needs, we are not always thinking of God and how we will use our physicality to serve Him. We all have our limitations and we often think of our needs in a selfish way. So the question still remains: How can we still think of ourselves on Rosh Hashanah? The answer comes in a saying from the Ba'al Shem Tov. He says that in the Psalms it is written that our souls are hungry and thirsty. This hunger and thirst is not for physical food and drink but actually for the holy sparks that are hidden and embedded in the physical foods and liquids that we consume. So when a person has an appetite or a desire to consume something physical, it's not only the body responding to a physical need, but it's the soul that is desiring the sparks of holiness that are embedded in the physical objects in order to elevate them to the spiritual dimension.

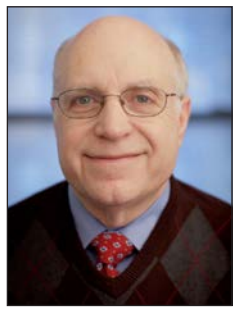
Therefore, even though we are asking God for our physical needs, and even when our intentions are for ourselves, in truth, on a deeper level, it is our soul that wants to elevate the holy sparks that are embedded in physicality to the higher spiritual level. Therefore, at the end of the day — as the saying goes — when our physical needs are met and we use them to serve God and fulfill His will, we will be making God the true God and King over the entire world. ■

My prayer for the new year

Rabbi Robert Dobrusin, special to the WJN

Each year, I write a prayer for the New Year, which I share with the congregation on the first night of Rosh Hashana. The prayers are very similar in that they express hope for the year just beginning. But, each prayer is unique in one significant way.

Each year, I base the language of the prayer on a particular event that had taken place during the year before. Usually the event is one that was shared by the entire community, our country, or the entire world, although I have on occasion based the prayer on a personal experience that I encountered in the year just past.



Rabbi Robert Dobrusin

Sometimes, I am able to combine those two concepts in writing the prayer as I write about national or world events, which had particular significance for me or those of my generation. Often, the prayer is written in memory of an individual whose death the previous year touched me deeply.

Such was the case last year.

In April, 2015, a singer by the name of Ben E. King died. When I heard the news of his death, I immediately started to sing his most famous song, a song that is one of my favorites: *Stand By Me*.

Ben E. King co-wrote *Stand By Me*, with Jerry Leiber and Mike Stoller. The song which features a beautiful, simple melody and lovely words has been "covered" by so many musicians over the years including John Lennon, Meat Loaf, Tracy Chapman and so many others. There is even a video featuring Timon and Pumbaa from the Lion King singing the song.

But Ben E. King's version is the most famous and deservedly so. If you have never heard it (I would find that hard to believe), you must listen to it on the Internet before reading any further.

The song was inspired by the words of Psalm 46 and an old Christian spiritual and its message of loyalty and love formed the perfect theme for Rob Reiner's memorable movie of the same name. The song, and the movie as well, never fail to inspire.

So, as I am preparing my prayer for this year, I will share here last year's Rosh Hashana prayer which I delivered at Beth Israel Congregation on Erev Rosh Hashana. Of course, I also sang a bit of the song from the bima that evening.

May the words of this prayer inspire in us loyalty and faith in the year to come.

Shana Tova. ■

As we stand together at the beginning of this New Year, O God, help us to stand through the year.

Help us to stand by our family and friends, to share their joy and comfort them in times of sadness.

Help us, O God, to stand by and for our people and our faith. Let us always freely and openly express the pride we feel in our tradition, our history, our people and our commitment for our future.

Help us, O God, to stand by the values you and our great teachers have instilled in us: values which compel us to search endlessly for peace and justice and to hear the cries and concerns of all people everywhere and reach out a hand to help.

Help us, O God, to stand by our hopes and our dreams. Help us to commit ourselves always to the wild, revolutionary and authentically Jewish idea that the world can be a place of perfection if we join hands with all throughout the world to make it so.

And, O God, stand by us as we navigate this sometimes frustrating, difficult, maddening but so, so beautiful world. When the night has come and the land is dark, help us to find the moon and stars to guide us one step at a time to fulfilling our responsibilities and embracing our world with confidence and faith.

May we stand by those we love and may they and you, O God, always stand by us as this New Year unfolds.

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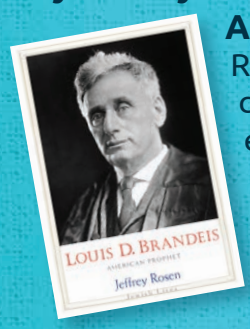

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11/11 – 11/23 | Barnes & Noble Book Fair | A portion of all book sales made will be donated to the J.

10/25 | *Inheriting Edith* Zoe Fishman @ Shinola • 6pm | Cocktails & light appetizers by Jolly Pumpkin |*$10/member, $15/guest.* **7pm** | Author talk | *free.* | **Sponsored by Alice Fishman and Michael Di Pietro.**

11/9 • 7pm | Bella Meyer presents "My Grandfather, Marc Chagall" | multimedia presentation @ the J | *$5/person* | **Sponsored by Lily Ladin**

11/10 • 7pm | Bella Meyer, architectural florist – hands-on floral workshop @ the J | *$10/member, $15/guest*

11/11 • 4 - 6pm | Book Fair Kick-off | Literary scavenger hunt @ Barnes & Noble

11/13 • 10am | Local Authors | Light bagel brunch/ authors introduce their work @ the J | *$5/member, $10/guest*

11/13 • 3:30pm | Rick Recht Family Concert with PJ Library @ the J | *$15/member family, $25/guest family* | **Sponsored by Beth Israel Congregation, Hebrew Day School, Jewish Federation, Temple Beth Emeth**

11/20 • 10am - 12pm | Curious George Does Science! | A workshop with Stacey Martin @ Barnes & Noble | 10 - 11am – Designed for ages 3-5; 11am - 12pm – Designed for ages 6-8 | *$5/child*

11/21 • 4pm | Gershwin on Gershwin's Piano | Dr. Mark Clague and guest musicians @ UM School of Music's Britton Recital Hall | *Free* | **Sponsored by Alice Fishman and Michael DiPietro**

12/8 • 6pm • On the Map | Documentary about Israel's championship basketball team @ UM Palmer Commons' Forum Theater | *$10/member, $15/guest* | **Sponsored by Fran & Irwin Martin, Lauren & Eric Metzendorf, Pamela & Stephen Landau, Sharon & Charles Newman, Beth Israel Congregation**

12/11 • 10:30am | NYC Dance Project by Deborah Ory | Champagne Brunch/author talk with guest Peter Sparling @ the J | *$10/member, $15/guest, 11am Author talk Free* | **Sponsored by Elise Weisbach**

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Beth Israel Congregation activities in October

Elliot Sorkin, special to the WJN

Rosh Hashanah Family Celebration

Sunday, October 2, 4 p.m.

This is a great opportunity for children in preschool through fourth grade and their families to hear the shofar, interact with the rabbis and staff, and experience a taste of Rosh Hashanah just prior to the actual start of the holiday in a smaller, less formal atmosphere. Stories, songs, a large group activity and special treats are all part of the fun. There is no cost and no ticket required for this event. Non-member families are welcome.

Tot Shabbat

Saturdays, October 8 and 22, 11:15 a.m.

Tot Shabbat is Beth Israel's Shabbat morning program for parents and their children 2 – 5 years old which includes songs, stories and prayers. It includes the mysterious "Shabbat Box," Torah processions with stuffed Torah toys, and a kiddush for tots. Tot Shabbat meets at Beth Israel on the lower level in room 15. Following services child size tables are set out for Tot Shabbat kids and their families who are always invited to stay to enjoy a Kiddush lunch with the rest of the congregation. There is no fee for this program.

Congregation Sukkah Construction

Sunday, October 9, 9:30–noon

Volunteers are needed to set up the Congregation Sukkah, believed by the congregation to be the largest temporary sukkah in Michigan. This event, similar to a "barn raising," includes a light breakfast of lox and bagels. Participants are asked to bring their electric tools, if they have them. Adults and older teens are welcome. The Congregation Sukkah will be deconstructed on Sunday, October 30. Lox and bagels will again be served to all volunteers.

The Ethical Life: Jewish Values in an Age of Choice

A Curriculum in Jewish Ethics From The Jewish Theological Seminary
Tuesdays, 6–7:30 p.m., November 1–December 20, January 10–February 7 (No class November 8)

From political and financial scandals to rapid progress in biomedical science and technology, the complex issues of modern society are, at their core, issues of ethical and moral concern. Now more than ever, every person requires a solid understanding of how Jewish ethics can inform our discussions and decisions about the critical questions of the day. Judaism has a long history of wrestling with moral questions, responding to them in a way that considers all sides of an issue.

Discussion Series With Dinner

Led by Rabbi Dobrusin and Rabbi Blumenthal, this course will invite nuanced communal conversations grappling with today's most pressing ethical dilemmas. It includes videos featuring JTS faculty, other expert scholars, and practitioners in the field; and classical and contemporary texts.

The fees are $100 per person, with a light dinner included. Checks may be mailed or brought into the Beth Israel office.

Sukkot and Shmini Atzeret Services

Morning Sukkot services: Monday, October 17 and Tuesday, October 18, 9:30 a.m.
Morning Shmini Atzeret service: Monday, October 24, 9:30 a.m.

As part of the congregation's celebration of Sukkot, there will be a kiddush luncheon in the Sukkah on the first day of Sukkot, and a kiddush in the Sukkah on the second day. The lulav and etrog are used in the ancient ceremony of the lulav and etrog processions, as well as during the Hallel Service on both those days. For other services on these holidays please refer to the calendar at www.bethisrael-aa.org.

Pizza in the Hut (the Sukkah)

Wednesday, October 19, 6 p.m.

This dairy dinner event is open to all and honors the tradition of eating meals in the Sukkah. The cost is $8.00 per person for ages 4 and up, with no charge for children under 4. RSVP by Friday, October 14 to office@bethisrael-aa.org, or call the office to see if there is more room.

Pizza in the Hut

Lunch & Learn Series

Wednesdays, October 19 and 26, noon–1:15 p.m.
Garfunkel Schteingart Activities Center (2010 Washtenaw)

Rabbi Robert Dobrusin and Rabbi Kim Blumenthal lead informal discussions on current topics. Participants are invited to bring a dairy lunch. Beverages and snacks will be provided.

Simchat Torah and the International Shul of Pancakes

Erev Simchat Torah
Monday, October 24, 6:45 p.m.
Simchat Torah Morning Service
Tuesday, October 25,
Shaharit and Hallel services, 8:30 a.m.
International Shul of Pancakes Breakfast, 9:30 a.m.
Torah Service and Hakafot, 10:15 a.m.

Erev Simchat Torah includes a Maariv Service that is followed by the Simchat Torah hakafot (family friendly Torah processionals,) dancing, and snacks.

On Simchat Torah, after the Shaharit and Hallel services, Beth Israel provides a free Pancake Breakfast in the Social Hall, followed by the Hakafot, the Torah processionals, and the rest of the service.

Homecoming Shabbat

Saturday, November 5, 9:30 a.m.

New members to the congregation are welcomed into the congregation with a group aliyah to the Torah, and a tailgate kiddush luncheon follows the service at 12:15 p.m.

Complimentary Tickets for High Holidays for Newcomers, Graduate Students and Full Time Medical Residents, and Special Dues for Those 35 and under

Individuals and families who have moved to Washtenaw County since last Yom Kippur, may request High Holiday tickets at no charge as Beth Israel's way of welcoming them into the local Jewish community. Graduate students and full time Medical Residents with I.D.s may also request free individual tickets. Request forms for Rosh Hashanah must be submitted by 3 p.m. on Sept. 30, and by October 10 for Yom Kippur, and unfortunately no tickets can be provided immediately prior to any service.

People who are 35 years old or younger may become members at a special rate of $300 for the whole family for their first year of membership (plus USCJ dues assessment of $37.25).

Tickets for the High Holidays are provided free of charge to all members of Beth Israel in good standing. Non-members may purchase tickets for the High Holiday Services, although no tickets are required for the Erev Rosh Hashanah Family Celebration for Young Children. Those interested in further information are asked to call the synagogue office at (734) 665-9897.

All High Holiday ticket and Membership forms are found on the Beth Israel website, www.bethisrael-aa.org . ■

Happening this month at the Jewish Cultural Society

Barb Banet, special to the WJN

All the events listed below are open to the entire community, but registration is required. There is no charge for JCS members; non-members are asked to pay a suggested donation. No one will be turned away because of inability to pay. All events are open to adults and children, and child care is available. Register at jewishculturalsociety.org. For additional information email info@jewishculturalsociety.org.

Rosh Hashanah

Sunday, October 2, 6 p.m. at the JCC

As the first day of the Jewish year, Rosh Hashanah marks a turning point in the year—a separation between what was and what will be. It offers a time for Secular Humanistic Jews to pause in their daily lives and reflect on their behavior and renew their commitment to their best selves and highest values. Rosh Hashanah at the Jewish Cultural Society provides a time for renewal, reflection, and new beginnings. The blast of the shofar brings the community together to begin this time of reflection through music, readings, and a creative observance.

Tashlich

Monday, October 3, noon – at Island Park

On Tashlich, the JCS community gathers on the banks of the Huron River for a potluck lunch and a chance to "cast off" or let go of our shortcomings of the past year. As participants promise to strive to become better people, they toss beautiful flower petals into the river, a "concrete expression" of hope for the future.

First Friday Shabbat

Friday, October 7, 6:30 p.m. at the JCC

The JCS First Friday Shabbat includes secular Jewish readings, singing, candle lighting, challah and wine rituals, and a Yahrtzeit observance to remember loved ones. After the Shabbat observance, the community shares a catered dinner from a local restaurant, followed by schmoozing and/or a special program.

Kol Nidre

Tuesday, October 11, 7 p.m. at the JCC

Kol Nidre provides further opportunities for individual reflection and an opportunity to listen to the haunting melody of Kol Nidre.

Yom Kippur

Wednesday, October 12, 2 p.m. at the JCC

Yom Kippur brings the 10 days of the Jewish New Year to a close. On Yom Kippur day, participants consider how their actions affect the greater community. While examining the world, and considering the Jewish tradition of Tikkun Olam, participants look inside themselves to see how they can make a difference. Unlike the other events, this one is more intimate and members of the community take turns reading.

Break-the-Fast Potluck

Wednesday, October 12, 6 p.m. at the JCC

To close the high holidays, JCS members and friends gather for a community potluck at the end of Yom Kippur. All are invited to attend and bring a vegetarian and nut-free dish to share, whether or not they have been fasting.

JCS Sunday School

October 16, 23 and 30, 10:00 a.m.–noon

The JCS secular Sunday School always welcomes new students — from pre-kindergarteners through seventh graders. The students develop an appreciation of their Jewish heritage through interesting, fun, and hands-on learning in multi-aged classes. The final two years are a particularly meaningful B'nai Mitzvah program, during which the students select and do their own research on Jewish topics, including their own family history and Jewish identity. In keeping with the Secular Humanistic Jewish emphasis on social justice, each student makes a commitment to a community service project.

The JCS Book Club and JCS Memoir Writing Group

These groups will resume after the October holidays. For more information, or to register, go to www.jewishculturalsociety.org or email info@jewishculturalsociety.org ■

AARC High Holidays

Jonathan Cohn, special to the WJN

Yom Kippur is a day to reflect and to think about *t'shuvah*—repentance or return to the right path. This year, in Ann Arbor, you have a chance to reflect on an issue of critical importance to the entire country: The treatment of prisoners.

Better still, you have a chance to do it with one of Michigan's most interesting and inspiring experts.

The opportunity comes from the Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Congregation. As always, the AARC will be holding ticketless services, open to the community, for High Holy Days — from Erev Rosh Hashanah to the waning hours of sunlight on Yom Kippur.

On the afternoon of Yom Kippur, between services, AARC will sponsor a workshop focusing on the modern experience of imprisonment and asking, What kind of conditions–physical and programmatic–create the best chance of t'shuvah, in and out of prison?

The session will be led by Ronald Simpson-Bey, who spent 27 years in the Michigan prison system, including two in solitary confinement, and eventually won his release after proving that he was wrongfully convicted. In prison, he established programs for fellow prisoners and since his release, he's been an advocate for prison reform.

"I am looking forward to this event because it will promote further understanding on issues that need it and I believe that it will help promote the heart and mind change necessary to heal our communities," Simpson-Bey said.

Margo Schlanger, one of AARC's co-chairs and a University of Michigan law professor, will co-lead the discussion with Simpson-Bey.

"We need our criminal justice institutions to help people, not harm them," says Schlanger says, who also specializes in prison reform. "On Yom Kippur, when our community gathers to think about how to do better in the coming year, we need our aspirations to include the nation's 2.3 million prisoners, and many millions of former prisoners. I'm grateful Ron Simpson-Bey will join us to have this conversation."

AARC's High Holy Day Services will be at the First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor, at 4001 Ann Arbor-Saline Road. As always, they will be accessible and open to anybody. The congregation requires no ticket, advance reservation, or payment — although it asks non-members to make a donation if they have the means to do so.

Nathan Martin, who is the associate rabbi at Congregation Beth Israel, in Medina, Pennsylvania, will lead the main services. Martin is no stranger to Ann Arbor — he was assistant director of U-M's Hillel from 2006 to 2010.

The congregation will also be sponsoring on-site, hour-long children's services, on both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Clare Kinberg, AARC's Beit Sefer director, and Melanie Rivkin, a second year student in the Jewish Communal Leadership Masters Degree Program at the U-M, will lead those services — which will include plenty of music and movement. (Childcare for the rest of adult services is also available, with advance registration.)

And then there are the Yom Kippur workshops, which will also include a guided meditation by AARC member Barbara Boyk-Rust and a discussion of the Book of Jonah by member Ellen Dannin.

All are welcome for an hour or all day. Information on times, address, etc., is available at aarecon.org. ■

October events at Temple Beth Emeth

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All events are at TBE unless otherwise indicated.

Families with Young Children (FYC): Tot Shabbat Service, Every Friday

October 7, 14, 21, 28, 5:45 p.m., TBE Sanctuary
5:45 p.m., Tot (0–5 year olds) Shabbat Services with Rabbi Whinston and Cantor Hayut
6:15 p.m. Dinner for Tot Shabbat, 6:45 p.m. Shira Service

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Shabbat Morning Torah Study

Saturday, October 1, 8, and 22, 8:50 a.m.

Join Rabbi Whinston for text study and discussion of the week's Torah Portion.

Erev Rosh Hashanah Service

Sunday, October 2
Congregational Service, 8 p.m., Pease, Eastern Michigan University. Ticket Required.

Rosh Hashanah

Monday, October 3
Family Service, 9 a.m., PEASE. Tickets required.
Traditional Service, 10:45 a.m., PEASE. Ticket Required.
AARTY Service (Grades 9-12), 11 a.m., TBE (drop off from 10-11 a.m. and brunch following service)
Tashlich Service Monday, October 3, 1:45 p.m., Riverside Park, Ypsilanti

The Tashlich service begins at 1:45 pm and involves traditional readings and a few familiar songs. Tashlich involves the symbolism of casting away our sins by throwing crumbs of bread into a flowing body of water. The brief service is appropriate and meaningful for all ages. It is held at Riverside Park near Depot Town in Ypsilanti. No ticket required.

Birthday of the World Celebration
Monday, October 3, 4:30 p.m.

A preschool service for young children on Rosh Hashanah begins at 4:30 pm in the sanctuary where we celebrate the "Birthday of the World." An adult should accompany children to this service. No tickets are necessary.

Adult Hebrew Classes Fall 2016

Hebrew 101, Wednesday, October 5, 19 and 26 at 5:30 p.m.
Hebrew 104, Thursdays, October 6, 13, 20 and 27, 5 p.m.
Hebrew 103, Thursdays, October 6, 13, 20 and 27 at 6 p.m.

TBE is pleased to offer a 12-week term of Hebrew classes for adult learners at all levels, starting the week of September 12. There are three tracks of Hebrew being offered 100 Level courses for beginners. Each class session is 1 hour. Course fee: $180.00 members of BIC & TBE; $200.00 non-members; $50.00 full time college students. Questions: Danielle Goldberg, dgoldberg@templebethemeth.org or (734) 665-4744.

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Jewish Mindfulness Meditation Sit

Thursdays, October 6, 13, 20 and 27, 1:30 p.m., TBE Chapel

For practitioners of all levels. Intention and instruction followed by 30-minute silent meditation. Facilitated by SooJi Min, Judy Freedman, and Quyen Epstein-Ngo. SooJi Min is TBE's executive director. She completed a 16-month mindfulness teacher training program sponsored by the Institute for Jewish Spirituality and the Awakened Heart Project. Judy Freedman has been practicing meditation for over 20 years. She attended a three-year training in Jewish Meditation sponsored by the Philips Foundation at Chochmat ha Lev. Quyen Epstein-Ngo is a therapist who holds a joint doctoral degree in Clinical Psychology and Women's Studies. One of the areas she specializes in is working with adolescents, adults, and couples on issues of faith and spirituality. Contact SooJi Min with questions, (734) 665-4744.

Meet Rabbi Whinston for Coffee & Dessert: Your TBE Experience

Saturday, October 8, 7 p.m., TBE Member Home

Enjoy a quiet, relaxing evening with TBE friends to talk with Rabbi Whinston about your TBE experience. Why did you join? What do you hope to get out of your TBE life? How can Rabbi Josh help you on your journey? Signup at http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0445a5a923a4f49-meet.

Kever Avot Service

Sunday, October 9, 12:30 p.m.

Arborcrest and Cemetery Visitation Memorial Park in Ann Arbor

This 30-minute memorial service is outdoors. This is a joint service with Beth Israel Congregation.

An informational meeting on cemetery lots and cremation spaces will be held Sunday, October 23 at 11 a.m.

Men's Torah Study

Monday, October 24, 7 p.m.

A men's Torah discussion group will be led monthly by Rabbi Whinston on the 4th Monday. Participants will find their way as men by wrestling with text. For more information, contact Bill Parkus at parkus@comcast.net.

Women's Torah Study

Monday, October 10, 7 p.m.

An in-depth study and lively discussion of the week's Torah portion led by Cantor Regina Hayut. The group will explore various passages from the portion looking at several translations and commentaries from a variety of scholars from Talmudic times to the modern day. No Hebrew knowledge necessary to participate in the discussion. For questions, contact Cantor Regina Hayut at cantorhayut@templebethemeth.org

Kol Nidre

Tuesday, October 11
Congregational Service, 8 p.m. at PEASE Tickets are required for this service. AARTY Service (Grades 9-12), 8 p.m. at TBE (drop off and pre-service dessert from 7–8 p.m.)

Annual AARTY Food Drive

The AARTY Yom Kippur Food and Donation Drive is a vital source of food donations to Food Gatherers during the fall and the major source of financial support to the Back Door Food Pantry (BDFP) from the TBE congregation.

For food donations to Food Gatherers, grocery bags with information will be available for you to take home on Rosh Hashanah. Fill the bags with the items suggested and bring them directly to the Food Gathers truck at Pease on Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur morning or to the TBE circle drive on Yom Kippur afternoon. Do not bring the bags into Pease Auditorium.

For monetary donations to the Back Door Food Pantry, you will find an envelope in the bags provided on Rosh Hashanah. The BDFP actually purchases most of the food it distributes and spends nearly $3500 each month to provide healthy choices to the 100-145 families that depend on the pantry each week. Working together with Food Gathers, the BDFP is able to stretch each dollar you donate to almost three dollars worth of food. You can also make donations to the BDFP on-line from the TBE website (templebethemeth.org).

Yom Kippur Morning

Wednesday, October 12
Family Service, 9 a.m., PEASE
Traditional Service, 10:45 a.m., PEASE

Two morning services are offered on Yom Kippur: an early family service at 9 a.m. and a traditional service at 10:45 a.m.

To allow families to worship together, there is not a separate AARTY morning service. Tickets are required for these services.

Yom Kippur Afternoon at TBE

Learning Event w/ Rabbi, 2 p.m., TBE Chapel
Silent Meditation, 3 p.m., TBE Sanctuary
Afternoon Services, 3:30 p.m., TBE Sanctuary
Yizkor/Neilah Service, 5:30 p.m., TBE Sanctuary

Meet Rabbi Whinston, Sunday Brunch: Sacred Aging

Sunday, October 16 at 11 a.m., TBE member home

Discuss aging through a Jewish lens. Rabbi Whinston will lead a discussion for anyone with their own aging on their minds, as well as anyone concerned about the aging of a loved one.

Signup at http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0445a5a923a4f49-meet.

Sukkot Family Celebration, Sukkah Decorating and Pizza Dinner

Sunday, October 16, 6 p.m. Dinner

7 p.m. Songs and blessings in the Sukkah $5 per person for pizza and salad bar. RSVP at http://bit.ly/2c8VNUV or call 665-4744.

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Reflections on the juxtaposition between firsts and lasts

by Jennifer Rosenberg, Head of School

My opportunities to say She'hekey'anu have recently grown exponentially. We get to say this special prayer when we do something for the very first time, or something

we haven't done in quite a long time. I am experiencing a lot of firsts this year. This first month of school was filled with first successes. Firsts are great! They are exciting and full of promise and I look forward to the many firsts that will be a significant part of my 2016-2017 school year.

Yet personally, this is also a year of lasts for me. My last child has just entered his last year at Hebrew Day School. Last month, when I was experiencing my first day of school as Head of School, he was experiencing his last first day of school at HDS. One or more of my boys has been a student at HDS since 2006, and at the ECC since 2000. Lasts are exciting too. He is excited to finally be a fifth grader and participate in all of the special things our oldest students get to do. He has been waiting; it is finally his turn. For me, it is bittersweet. My baby is growing up. Here, he is now the big kid (a space he NEVER occupies at home). Here in a place I deeply love, and at a time so very meaningful to me. Here and now. This moment.

So as I reflect on firsts and lasts, I am struck by the passage of time and my strong need to notice it, to mark it and to appreciate it. In his book The Sabbath, Abraham Joshua Heschel says, "Judaism is a religion of time aiming at the sanctification of time.... Every hour is unique and the only one given at the moment, exclusive and endlessly precious. Judaism teaches us to be attached to the holiness in time, to be attached to sacred events, to learn how to consecrate sanctuaries that emerge for the magnificent stream of the year."

There is something incredibly beautiful, even holy or sacred, about the timing of my firsts and Levi's lasts. It IS "endlessly precious" and I look forward to what promises to be "the magnificent stream of the year." As we enter the season of High Holidays, we will all be marking ends and beginnings. May we all have the clarity to appreciate our endings and beginnings, to mark them and to make them holy. ■

For more information about Hebrew Day School of Ann Arbor, or to schedule a tour, contact Ali Reingold at areingold@hdsaa.org

TBE events, continued from previous page

Meet Rabbi Whinston, Cocktails and Schmoozing

Thursday, October 20, 6 . p.m., TBE member home

Come spend a couple hours with Rabbi sharing and schmoozing — no agenda, just fun and laughter! Please signup: http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0445a5a923a4f49-meet.

Meet Rabbi Whinston, TNT Sangria in the Sukkah

Saturday, October 22, 8 p.m., Rabbi Whinston's House

In your 20s or 30s? Shake the lulav and sip sangria with Rabbi Josh Whinston in his sukkah.

Please signup: http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0445a5a923a4f49-meet.

Simchat Torah Service

Sunday, October 23, 6:15 p.m.

Celebrate with your family and dance with the torah.

RSVP at http://bit.ly/2c8VNUV or call (734) 665-4744.

Spirituality Book Club 2016-17

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., October 18
Thursday, 12:30 p.m., October 20
Led by Annie Rose, TBE's cantor emerita

Join us for the new season of TBE's Spirituality Book Club! This year we will be reading three books over the course of nine months. Feel free to come to Tuesday night sessions (7:30-8:30) or Thursday afternoon sessions (12:30-1:30 p.m.) Registration is not required, but it is helpful to planning to know how many people may come: cantorannie@gmail.com. The discussion for October will be continuation of *The Sabbath*, by Abraham Joshua Heschel.

Sukkot Yizkor Service and Luncheon

Monday, October 24, 11 a.m.

Names of loved ones who have passed away during this year will be read at the service.

RSVP at http://bit.ly/2c8VNUV or call (734) 665-4744.

Meet Rabbi Whinston, Zingerman's BAKE! Class: Scrumptious Scones and Buttery Biscuits

Wednesday, October 26, 6 . p.m.

Zingerman's Bakehouse, 3711 Plaza Dr, Ann Arbor, MI 48108

Learn tips to flaky and tender scones and biscuits. Make Bakehouse classic ginger scones, sweet potato biscuits, and Southern style buttermilk biscuits. Leave with recipes and three dozen pastries to take home. (Cost: $75)

Signup at http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0445a5a923a4f49-meet.

Meet Rabbi Whinston, Lunch & Learn: God Talk

Friday, October 28, 12 p.m.

Have a bone to pick with God? Come to a Friday group and hear Rabbi Whinston's thoughts on our love/hate relationship with God.

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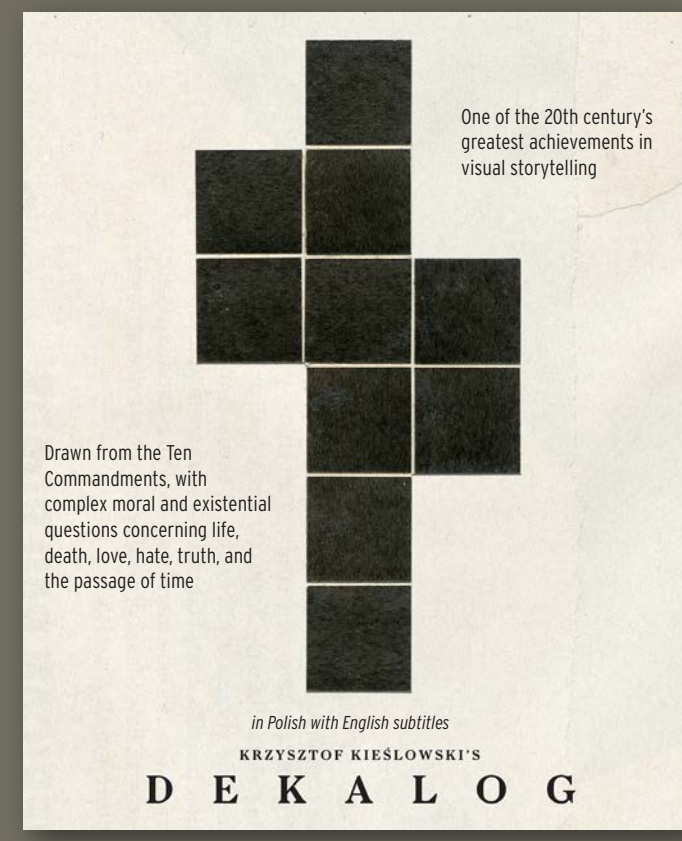

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Federation Major Gifts event highlights Ethiopian Jewry

by David Shtulman, executive director, Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor

The Jewish Federation welcomed more than 90 donors who contribute a minimum of $5,000 per family to the Annual Campaign for a special event on September 15 at the home of Renee and David Pinsky.

Simply Scrumptious Catering provided a meal of Ethiopian vegetarian favorites.

More than $200,000 was raised at the event for the Federation 2017 Annual Campaign.

During their visit, Rodnitzki and Nadawo also gave a presentation at the JCC on September 13 and addressed a Holocaust Studies class of 80 students for the Jewish Studies program at Eastern Michigan University. ■

Hosts David and Renee Pinsky with Grace Rodnitzki

The evening was centered around the 25th anniversary of Operation Solomon, the emergency rescue that brought 14,000 Ethiopian Jews from Addis Ababa to Israel in only 36 hours on May 24-25, 1991.

The guest speakers were Grace Rodnitzki, director of International Relations for the Ethiopian National Project, and Daniel Nadawo, whose family arrived in Israel as part of that operation. They spoke about the history of the Ethiopian Jewry, Operation Solomon and its predecessor, Operation Moses, as well as the adaptation of Ethiopian Jews to their new status as Israeli citizens. Today, there are 138,000 Ethiopian Israelis, two thirds who arrived as part of the rescue operations and one third who were born in Israel.

Federation President Neal Blatt spoke during the event and Campaign Chair Steve Gerber introduced the guest speakers. Sam Hirsch made a heartfelt request for pledges.

Judy Marans, Debbie Shtulman and Fran Martin

Neal Blatt, Sam Hirsch, Daniel Nadawo, Grace Rodnitzki and Max Glick

Gary Freed, Paul Lichter, Gideon Hoffer and Allen Lichter

Girls Group advocate Sue Schooner

Lisa Carolin, staff writer

Sue Schooner's upbringing, career path, and connection to Judaism may not be typical, but her life in Ann Arbor now is all the richer for it.

She has found her calling as the executive director of Girls Group, a local non-profit organization she founded that helps young women get through middle school, high school, into college and beyond.

Sue Schooner

Now 57, she reflects on her path to getting where she is.

"I did not have a typical Jewish upbringing," recalls Schooner. "My dad was an officer in the Army." That meant she and her parents moved around the country frequently.

"I had to build credibility with teachers and make friends quickly," said Schooner. "It made me who I am today and is part of why Girls Group resonates with me."

Despite her upbringing not being "typically Jewish," Judaism has provided one of the few consistent parts of Schooner's life.

"Regardless of where I have lived, I've always been able to go to a conservative service and know every single song."

Schooner was good in math, which led to her career path in accounting—getting a bachelor of science degree from Ithaca College and an MBA from Harvard. She eventually did a summer internship for Chrysler and calls it, "the most exciting summer of my life." That led to many positions at Chrysler.

"I loved it there because Chrysler was a family," said Schooner. "People I met at Chrysler are still my best friends."

Her experience at Chrysler led to other good jobs, including a consulting firm that she started. Thirteen years ago she moved to Ann Arbor and started Girls Group, and after realizing that it was a full-time endeavor, she left the automotive industry a decade ago.

Schooner wanted to do volunteer work and met Rose Martin at the Peace Neighborhood Center. During an opportunity for girls to ask questions, one of them asked why men rape young girls.

"It was the most mind blowing, humbling two hours of my life," said Schooner, contrasting the experience with her background in business. "I realized I didn't know a damn thing!"

She says the majority of the girls in the program have a history of trauma. It's a holistic program that works with each girl's needs.

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For Schooner, getting involved with Girls Group has been a revelation.

"I just wanted to hang out with some kids," she said. "I didn't expect this."

She says that no emotions were allowed in the way that she was brought up.

"I'm a three-time breast cancer survivor who never cried," she said. "A guy I dated told me I was the least empathetic person he knew. Girls Group has taught me to listen with an open heart and not to judge."

Schooner brings her business background to the program, which complements the approach the social workers who work for Girls Group take.

"We meet the girls in middle school and keep them through high school, then get them to be first generation college students, and we give them the tools to do it," said Schooner. "Once you get them to graduate, you create a paradigm shift because kids know other kids that are successful."

Girls Group is a huge part of her life, but she still makes time for other pursuits, including enjoying various Jewish traditions.

"As a kid I practiced traditions because I had to," she said. "Now I do so because I want to."

She cites lighting candles as something she particularly enjoys, especially Shabbat and Yahrzeit candles.

Schooner still has her father's shofar, which he got in Israel, and it is blown every new year by local food advocate and professor Oran Hesterman.

"I have many Jewish friends," she said. "There's a connection, I think, that is part of being Jewish. It's living on a cerebral level."

Schooner uses her ability to connect with people in all aspects of her life, and it has brought her to this point in time where she has touched so many people's lives. ■

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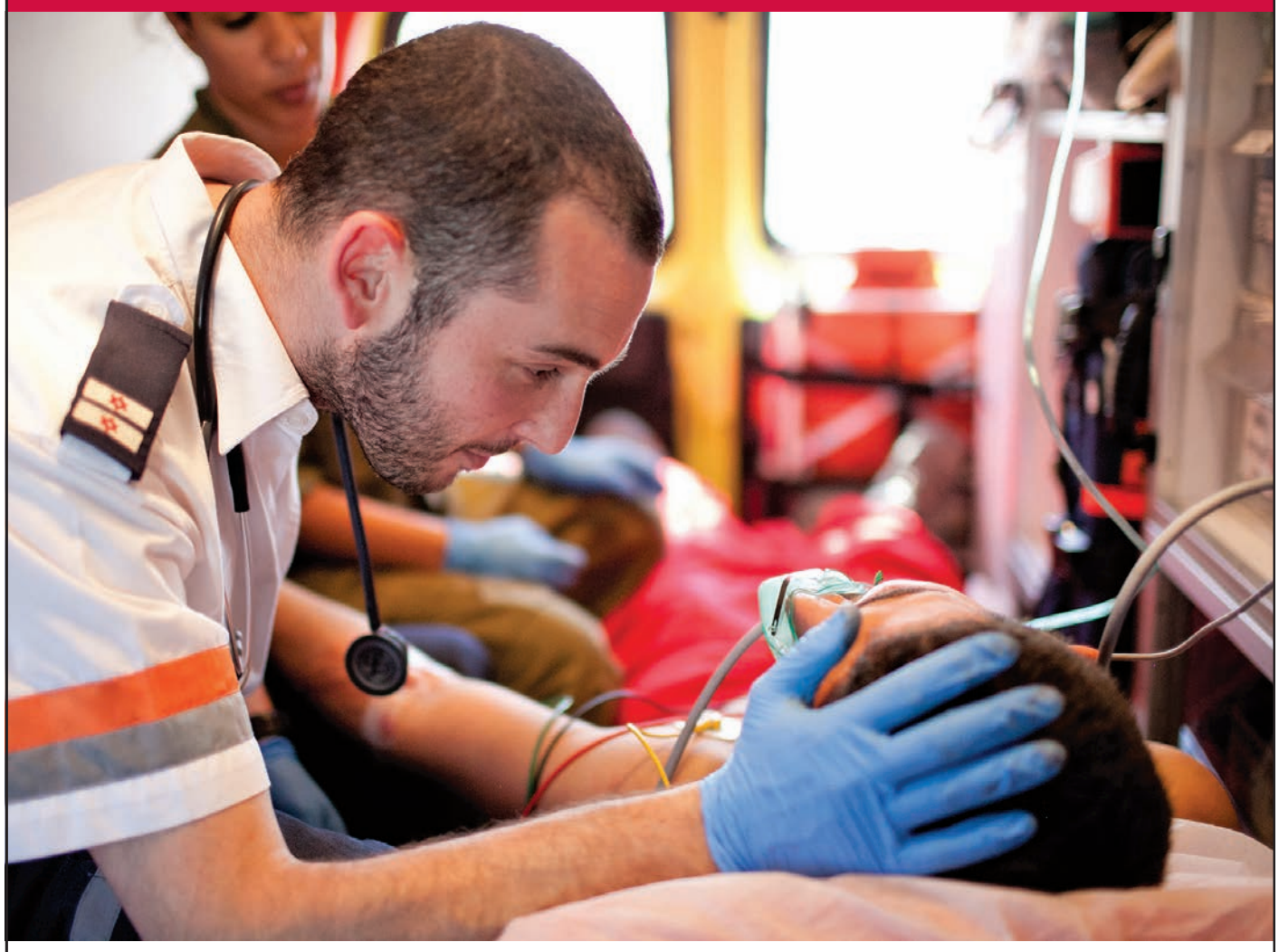

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SAVING LIVES IN ISRAEL

Remembering with a *stolpersteine*

Michael Simon, special to the WJN

On May 22, 2016, I stood outside of the building in Vienna Austria, where my mother grew up, to dedicate plaques in memory of my grandfather Istvan Lusztig, Uncle Viktor Lusztig and great-grandparents Rosa and Pinkus Herlinger. The plaques, otherwise known as "stumbling stones" (*stolpersteine* in German) are 10X10 cm brass plaques embedded in the cement in front of the location where a person last lived before deportation. The *stolpersteine* are a marker for people who perished in the Holocaust and who have no formal grave.

I gathered with a large group from the United States, Canada, Israel and Australia, who came to dedicate *stolpersteine* for their families. This was one of many prior ceremonies, first conceived of in 1992 by German artist Gunter Demnia. *Stolpersteine* had already been placed in hundreds of towns and cities across Europe[1]. The goal of this project is to recognize that the

Michael Simon and his wife Wendy Uhlmann, with cousins Zsuzsa Lefkovitz and Juhasz Gyoza from Budapest (related to Pinkus Herlinger). This photo was taken outside of 46 Taborstrasse, where Simon's mother was born.

holocaust was not just about 6 million murdered Jews, but about individual people, lives and stories. Engraved on each *stolperstein* are the name, birthday, date and place of deportation. *Stolpersteine* are also dedicated to other victims of the Nazis including Roma, LGBT, disabled and political opponents.

In Vienna, the Association "Stones of Remembrance" is responsible for organizing the placement of *spolpersteine* in 14 city districts[2]. My family lived in the 2nd district, Leopoldstadt, which is part of an island surrounded by the Danube and the Danube canal. In the early 1900s Leopoldstadt was an important destination for Jewish migrants from all over the Hapsburg Empire. By 1923 Jews made up 38.5% of the population, earning it the nickname Matzo Island or Mazzesinsel.

On close examination, the *stolpersteine* are both embedded into the cement and raised slightly above ground. The rationale for this placement was not just to trip up an unsuspecting passerby, but to bring notice to the site, the building, and the former lives. *Stolpersteine* are not meant to be part of a large monument, but to act as a subtle reminder and to raise awareness. The name evokes a popular Nazi era belief that if an Aryan stumbled or fell, that it was somehow the fault of a Jew who may have been

buried at that site. *Stolpersteine* serve as a quiet daily reminder of the lives of ordinary people.

It has been 75 years since my extended family was forcibly relocated from their homes in Vienna. My personal motivation for this journey was to honor the memory of my mother Hildegard L Simon z"l, and her family. Some of my most compelling childhood memories include the sad and loving stories of my mother's pre-Holocaust childhood. My mother was born on April 11, 1928, in Vienna, to Margarethe (Grete) nee Herlinger, and Istvan Lusztig. Istvan, was born on November 24, 1901, into a wealthy family of tailors from Nagykanizsa, Hungary. His weakness for gambling forced him to leave Hungary in 1923, whereupon he joined his sister in Vienna, and married in 1925.

Standing are Simon's maternal great grandparents Pinkus and Rosa Herlinger, and in between them are his mother (Hildegard) and her brother (Vicktor). In the window from the left are Simon's uncle, Karl Goldstern (he later married Simon's aunt Paulina), Simon's aunt, Paulina Herlinger in the middle, and his grandmother, Margaretha Herlinger, on the right.

Simon's grandmother, Margaretha nee Herlinger; his grandfather, Istvan Lusztig; his mother, Hildegard Lusztig; and her brother, Vicktor Lusztig. Photo was probably taken after they left Vienna and were in Hungary.

My mother lived with her parents and brother Viktor, born November 8, 1929, at TaborStrasse 46. Her maternal grandparents, Pinkus and Rosa Herlinger, born in 1872 and 1873, lived at TaborStrasse 48. Life in pre-war Vienna was idyllic for my mother, surrounded by family and friends. She attended Jewish school, traveled to the countryside and visited Hungary with her father. The Herlingers owned a furniture business and Pinkus worked as a carpenter. Istvan had a newsstand that my mother and her brother visited often.

Events changed abruptly on March 12, 1938, with the annexation of Austria by Germany (Anschluss). By April 1, my mother's immediate family left Vienna for Hungary. They were fortunate to arrive safely as they were stopped and searched at the border after German guards discovered that her brother, age 8, had a toy water gun. According to my mother, up until that time, this was her most humiliating experience. By September, her grandparents were left to live alone in Vienna. Their youngest daughter, Paulina married her childhood sweetheart Karl, on June 17, and left for New York City on August 30. Their son Robert and his family had moved to Prague on October 4, 1930. Their other daughter, Hilde, died at the age of 21 in a flu epidemic.

There are only sparse details of how Pinkus and Rosa managed to survive under the Germans after the Anschluss. Any information I have is from a packet of letters I discovered in 1998 in my Aunt Paulina's New York apartment (she was 90 at the time) and from my mother's 1995 Spielberg testimony[3]. Many of the letters were stamped with the swastika, having been sent from Vienna, Poland, Prague and Nagykanizsa. The letters chronicled daily life and concerns about family and friends. Much was written about attempts to provide help to Pinkus and Rosa. Their son Robert wrote, "Our beloved parents are very sick. They are short on everything and we are trying to send them as much as possible but that is not enough." There was also concern about my grandmother who had TB. Robert wrote "Our dear parents should not receive any information about beloved Grete. I am sure you can imagine how hard it is for us to calm them down". Pinkus and Rosa however appeared to have some knowledge about her illness and wondered why they did not receive a letter in her writing.

In January 14, 1941, Pinkus and Rosa were moved to a collection apartment (*sammelwohrung*), and subsequently deported on March 5 to the ghetto in Moldiborzyce, Poland. A selection from a postcard dated March 7, 1941, provides some context to their deportation.

Dear Aunt Paula,

"Your picture with Uncle Karl has delighted everybody. We hope you are well and you will send us news. Mr. Herlinger and his wife have traveled to Poland on the 4th of this month. He has promised to write. I have written to Mr. Lusztig and I am expecting a message. Spielmann's son has died. He was half blind and very weak. … Can you organize immigration for your parents? So much time has already passed by".

Alfred Kohler
Taborstrasse 46
Wien

Events turned rapidly worse. My grandmother died on March 14, 1941, and was buried in Nagykanizsa. I am not sure if her parents (Pinkus and Rosa) ever knew that she died. In Prague, Robert, his wife and daughter (age 16) were deported to Terezin on April 28, 1942, and then to Zamosc, Poland, where they were murdered. The ghetto in Modliborzyce was liquidated on October 8, 1942; the last letter received from Pinkus and Rosa was on November 7, 1941. My grandfather wrote from Hungary about his wife's death on June 14, 1941: "the dear parents still don't know. I have a terrible weight in me when I have to lie to them." In his last letter dated August 12, 1941 he wrote "Every Sunday I am with my loved one. That is the best day. I am praying and asking myself why dear God has punished my darling so hard."

My mother continued to live with her father and brother in Nagykanizsa until they were forced into a ghetto on April 26, 1944. On May 18, they were deported to Auschwitz together with her paternal grandmother, aunt and uncle. On reaching Auschwitz, most of the family including her 15-year old brother went to the gas chambers. My mother testified that she spoke briefly to Dr. Mengele on the Auschwitz platform in an attempt to keep her family together. Her father was selected for work and died in January 1945. About 3 weeks later, my mother was sent to work in a munitions factory in Geislinger Germany, and on May 21, 1945, at the age of 17, was liberated from Allach. After liberation she made her way back to Nagykanizsa, followed by a DP camp in Schliersee Germany, and with the help of her aunts in New York and Chicago, she left for the U.S. in June 1947. In Chicago she married my father (Richard B Simon) on May 27, 1951, and enjoyed married life until his death in 1988.

Growing up, my sister Frances and I both felt the loss of our mother's family. Our mother died in 1997 at age 69, but did experience the joys of being a grandmother. In January 2013, my son and I traveled to Europe for his Oberlin College Winter Term Project with the purpose of walking in my mother's footsteps. We visited family sites in Vienna and Hungary, met cousins in Budapest and made contacts that lead to the *stolpersteine* dedication.

On May 22, I was surrounded by my wife, close friends from Ann Arbor, Budapest cousins, other families and our guide and friend from Vienna Walks and Talks, Barbara Timmerman[4]. Barbara has provided me valuable help and support in translating documents and researching my family history. We were honored to have Rabbi David Rothchild from congregation Or Chadasch in Vienna, who lead Kaddish.

It was a beautiful spring day in Vienna. The morning was highlighted by the presentation from the local district council who emphasized the importance of the event especially in light of the current Austrian presidential election pitting a right wing nationalist against a moderate. The voting was taking place that day. The ceremony consisted of 10 dedications. I was very moved at the first site where the dedication was sponsored by a young Viennese couple who had researched the lives of former Jewish inhabitants who had no living survivors. The wife's grandfather was a former Nazi, and her husband's was a political prisoner killed by the Nazis. Stories at each site were a moving description of the rich tapestry of the former Jewish life in Vienna. The last dedication was sponsored by a non-Jewish couple who discovered that their building had been the location of a collection apartment for Jews.

So much time has already passed by, and so many questions are left unanswered. I find it curious that in his postcard to my Aunt Paulina, Alfred Kohler wrote that the Herlingers had "traveled to Poland" as if it was for a causal trip. I do not know who Mr. Kohler was, and how he wrote from my great-grandparent's address. It is interesting that he formally referred family members as Mr. Herlinger and Mr. Lustig however he referred to Paulina as aunt suggesting some familiarity. I had never heard of Spielman and his half blind son, two of countless unknown victims.

The history I share is in part the result of years of work by my sister Frances Unger z"l. Frances unfortunately died of cancer in March 2015. Reflecting on the *stolpersteine*, I have a sense of both closure and belonging. At one time, my family was based in Vienna and I was able to return, surrounded by community and friends. These *stolpersteine* serve as a marker of my family's journey, and as a remembrance of their past lives. ■

1 https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stolperstein
2 www.steinedererinnerung.net.
3 USC Shoah Foundation. The Institute for Visual History and Education.
4 http://www.viennawalks.com/indexe.php?page=wir

The stolperstein at 46 Taborstrasse for Simon's grandfather and uncle, and other Jews that lived there.

Pumpkin everything for Sukkot

Mary Bilyeu, staff writer

A new season has begun.

Yes, fall. And football. And also the newest season to be declared: Pumpkin Everything.

First, there was the classic pumpkin pie. Pumpkin cheesecake and frosted pumpkin cookies have become beloved favorites, as well.

But now, from your morning coffee and breakfast cereal to your after-school snack, and from your pb&j to your tailgate beer, it's all pumpkin all the time.

Even your bagel. And the schmear.

According to a 2015 story for the *BBC News Magazine* (our friends across the pond have been gazing upon us and studying our odd behaviors, it seems), the pumpkin trend is growing at an astounding rate: sales of pumpkin-related grocery items have risen by 79% since 2011.

Starbucks is credited—or blamed, depending upon your perspective—for this, having introduced its pumpkin spice latte in 2003 to overwhelming applause… and sales. More than 200 million of the drinks have been sold to date.

You can now buy a pumpkin spice latte at McDonald's or at Dunkin' Donuts, too. Or even at 7-Eleven.

If you want to chew instead of sipping, then look for pumpkin spice latte M&Ms.

The pumpkin spice proliferation has also taken over Hershey's kisses and Oreos, as well as canisters of Pillsbury Grands cinnamon rolls. If you just want pumpkin flavor, without the spice or the coffee, try Pillsbury's pumpkin pie Toaster Strudels.

Jolly Pumpkin, Samuel Adams, New Belgium, Shock Top, Anderson Valley, Blue Moon, and a slew of other bottlers are brewing up beers with varying degrees of pumpkin, spice, or both.

Thomas' English muffins come in pumpkin spice flavor, as do the company's bagels. And the Philadelphia brand has added pumpkin spice to its cream cheese, without, apparently, considering how or whether this would complement lox. Oy.

Cheerios, Special K, and mini shredded wheat squares all come in pumpkin spice. Be sure to pour in a splash of Promised Land dairy milk, So Delicious coconut milk, or Silk soy milk; they come in pumpkin and pumpkin spice varieties, too.

You can also buy flavored Dunkin' Donuts and McCafé ground coffee beans at the grocery store, if you'd rather not risk a pumpkin spice latte burn in your lap as you head out of the drive-thru. And treat yourself to a cookie with your coffee, using Nestle's refrigerated pumpkin spice cookie dough with white chocolate chips.

But if you don't have time to bake, Pepperidge farm pumpkin spice Milanos are taking their place among the dark chocolate, mint, raspberry, salted caramel, and other varieties.

Chobani yogurt, Planters and Blue Diamond almonds, Ghirardelli chocolate squares, Bailey's Irish cream liqueur, Lindor chocolate truffles… they're all jumping into the pumpkin parade. You can even buy pumpkin spice kefir and pumpkin pie spiced peanut butter.

Kraft is making pumpkin-shaped pumpkin spice marshmallows. Peeps chicks—once associated with springtime and Easter—now come in pumpkin spice latte flavor, too. And Dandies is offering pumpkin-flavored marshmallows that are kosher and vegan—the perfect addition to your pumpkin spice cocoa mix, helping to take the chill off as you celebrate the holiday in your sukkah.

Wow.

Are you tired of it yet?

For every person who groans upon seeing pumpkin spice coffee creamer in the grocery store—a modern day harbinger of fall that actually arrived in August—there are likely three people pushing their carts to the display to pick up a container. They'll head home, brew up a fresh pot of coffee just for this occasion, pop open the top of their pumpkin prize, pour in the elixir while slowly inhaling its intoxicating fragrance, and celebrate the season with glee.

But whatever happened to just plain ol' pumpkin? And the real deal—the actual fruit—rather than mere nuances of its flavors captured in chemicals?

With the High Holidays having come so late this year, fall foods are ideal for Sukkot rather than later summery ones. That even includes pumpkin, which can shine when treated with respect rather than being part of a foodie fad.

When 5774 began just after Labor Day in 2013, freshly picked tomatoes, zucchini, corn, peaches, and herbs were enjoyed, featured in light salads and refreshing dishes. This year, as 5777 hasn't arrived until October, acorn and butternut squash, pears, and apple cider will undoubtedly be served along with hearty, warming casseroles and stews.

And pumpkin—even pumpkin spice—is absolutely perfect for this harvest holiday's menu. ■

Simple Red Lentil and Pumpkin Dal

3 tablespoons canola or sunflower oil, divided
1 large onion, minced
4 ¼ cups peeled cubed sweet pumpkin
1 cup chopped tomatoes
3 garlic cloves, crushed
2 teaspoons chili flakes
1 ½ inch piece ginger root, peeled and grated
2 teaspoons ground cumin
½ teaspoon ground turmeric
1 ¼ cups red lentils
Salt and pepper
3 tablespoons chopped cilantro leaves, optional

Heat half the oil in a heavy saucepan and fry the onion until it is golden brown. Heat the rest of the oil in a skillet and sauté the pumpkin until the pieces are golden all over.

Add the tomatoes to the onion and cook for another four minutes, then add the garlic and spices and cook for two minutes, stirring a little. Add the lentils and pumpkin to the onions and pour in 4 cups of water. Season (this needs plenty of salt) and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat and cook for 20 minutes, until the lentils have collapsed and the pumpkin is tender. The mixture should be thick.

Check the seasoning. Serve scattered with cilantro, if you like. Eat with rice or flatbread and offer yogurt on the side.

Yield: 6 servings

Source: Diana Henry, Simple: Effortless Food, Big Flavors

Pumpkin Mutabbal

1 large pumpkin
1 whole head of garlic, cloves separated, skin on
Sea salt
Bunch of fresh thyme
Olive oil, to drizzle
¼ cup Greek yogurt or non-dairy yogurt
3 tablespoons tahini
Juice of 4 lemons
1 pomegranate, seeded
Small bunch of fresh mint, to serve

Preheat the oven to 425°. Cut the pumpkin into crescents, removing the seeds, and place in a baking tray. Add the garlic, salt, and thyme and drizzle generously with olive oil. Roast for 45 minutes until golden. Leave the pumpkin to cool, before removing the skins and draining them of any excess water.

Transfer the pumpkin to a food processor or blender and squeeze in the garlic cloves from their skins. Process these together, then add the yogurt, tahini, lemon juice, and some salt. Mix well, then season with more salt to taste. Transfer to the fridge for at least 2 hours, or overnight, to thicken.

Top with pomegranate seeds and mint and serve with warm pita bread.

Yield: Serves 6 to 8

Source: Adapted from Joudie Kalla, Palestine on a Plate: Memories from My Mother's Kitchen

Spiced Butternut-Pumpkin Soup

2 tablespoons butter or oil
1 large sweet onion, diced
1 large red bell pepper, chopped
3 garlic cloves, minced
2 tablespoons finely grated fresh ginger
1 medium butternut squash, peeled and cubed
1 small pumpkin, peeled and cubed
1 large sweet potato, peeled, and cubed
1 large Granny Smith apple, peeled and cubed
1 32-ounce container reduced-sodium chicken broth
2 bay leaves
1 ½ teaspoons red curry paste or 1 teaspoon curry powder
½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
¾ cup whipping cream or non-dairy creamer
1 tablespoon fresh lime juice
Fresh sage, for garnish

Melt butter in a large Dutch oven over medium-high heat; add onion and bell pepper, and sauté 8 minutes or until onion is golden. Stir in garlic and ginger, and cook 1 minute. Add squash, next 7 ingredients, and 4 cups water. Bring to a boil, reduce heat to medium-low, and simmer 20 minutes or until vegetables are tender. Remove from heat and let stand 30 minutes, stirring occasionally. Remove and discard bay leaves.

Process soup in batches in a blender until smooth. Return to Dutch oven and stir in cream. Bring to a simmer over medium heat; stir in lime juice, and salt and pepper to taste.

Yield: 15 cups

Source: Adapted from Rebecca Lang, The Southern Vegetable Book: A Root-to-Stalk Guide to the South's Favorite Produce

Pumpkin Spice Gooey Butter Cake

The crust:
1 15.25-ounce box yellow cake mix
8 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
1 egg

The filling:
¼ cup crust mixture reserved from above
1 8-ounce package cream cheese, at room temperature
8 tablespoons butter, at room temperature
1 16-ounce box powdered sugar, plus more for dusting
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
¼ teaspoon nutmeg
⅛ teaspoon cloves
1 egg
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 15-ounce can pumpkin purée

Heat the oven to 350°.

Make the crust: Mix together the cake mix, butter, and egg in a bowl. Measure out ¼ cup and set aside for the filling. Press the rest into the bottom of a 9 by 13 inch baking pan; the crust should be ½ inch thick.

Make the filling: Beat together the reserved ¼ cup crust mixture with the cream cheese and butter in the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment until smooth. Mix in the powdered sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg, and cloves. Add the egg and vanilla, then finish by mixing in the pumpkin until smooth. Pour on top of the crust.

Bake for 40 minutes or until the filling begins to crack and is set but jiggles slightly when the pan is nudged (a knife inserted into it will not come out clean). Cool completely in the pan.

Cut the cake into 2-inch squares and dust with an even snowfall of powdered sugar. Cover with plastic and refrigerate for up to 1 week or freeze for up to 1 month.

Yield: 2 dozen squares

Source: Adapted from Christina Tosi, Milk Bar Life

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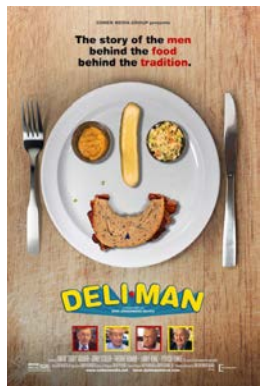

FILM & DISCUSSION
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Sunday, October 16 | 2–5:00 pm

Paul Saginaw, co-founder of Zingerman's, will screen *Deli Man*, the much-praised 2015 documentary about the history of delicatessens in the United States, and discuss the film, his experiences at Zingerman's, and, of course, pastrami.

Produced and directed by Erik Greenberg Anjou, *Deli Man* is the third work in his trilogy about Jewish culture. The 92-minute film is rated PG-13. *The event is co-sponsored by The Culinary Historians of Ann Arbor.*

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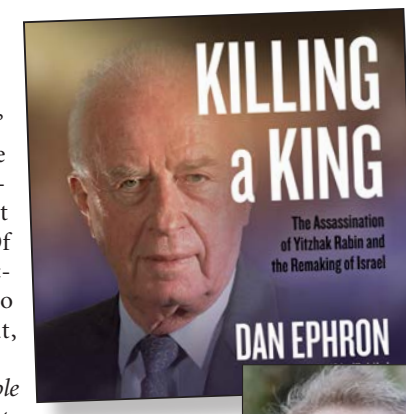
Best Reads

The power of words: violence in the name of righteousness

Rochel Urist, staff writer

Responding last August 9 to Donald Trump's ambiguous and insidious call to the "Second Amendment People," Thomas Friedman began his *New York Times* column with: "And that, ladies and gentlemen, is how Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin got assassinated." Friedman pointed out that Rabin's right-wing opponents kept delegitimizing him as a "traitor" and "a Nazi" for wanting to make peace with the Palestinians and give back part of the Land of Israel. Of course, they weren't actually telling anyone to assassinate Rabin. But, Friedman went on:



"there are always people who don't hear the caveats. They just hear the big message: The man is illegitimate, the man is a threat to the nation, the man is the equivalent of a Nazi war criminal. Well, you know what we do with people like that, don't you? We kill them. And that's what the Jewish extremist Yigal Amir did to Rabin. Why not? He thought he had permission from a whole segment of Israel's political class."

Dan Ephron's book, *Killing a King: the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin* and the remaking of Israel offers a look at the life and times of Rabin's assassin and explores how and why that assassination took place.

"According to Judaism," writes Ephron, "killing a king is profoundly significant. It affects the entire nation and alters its destiny." The assassin and his co-conspirator—his older brother, Hagai—lived with their parents and six siblings. They were observant Jews. Yigal, 25, was a law student. His brother, trained as a sniper, studied physics. Their mother called them "the thinker and the tinkerer." Ephron writes: "The Torah portion of the week was Lech L'cha, in which God promises to Abraham the lands that Rabin threatened to give away, in return for an uncertain peace. The assassin saw this confluence as a sign from God."

As Ephron points out, we will never know how close Rabin would have come to making peace. Ephron calls this "one of the exasperating consequences of the assassination." In 1995, the opponents of compromise had nowhere near the power or influence they hold now. "The process itself had not yet been contaminated by sustained waves of violence and settlement expansion." Rabin called the settlers "a cancer in the body of Israeli democracy." While Rabin's security detail knew about threats, they were skeptical of reports telling of danger from the religious right. The real danger, they thought, was from Palestinian attacks. Besides, Rabin refused to wear his bullet-proof vest, and he hated his armored Cadillac. Desperate Jewish settlers on the West Bank saw Rabin's policies as a sacrilege against God. Their rabbis continually provided biblical evidence that allowed assassination to be entertained as a rational solution. It would cure the country of this leader who was himself a cancer in the body of the nation.

There is a Talmudic principle known as "*Din Rodef*." It refers to a person who pursues another with the intent to kill him. "Rodef" means "pursuer" (or stalker). The law of *din rodef* permits a bystander to kill the aggressor in order to save the innocent victim. It is one of the few circumstances in which the Talmud allows extrajudicial killing. Amir decided that Rabin fit the definition of *rodef*, because his policies were undermining the safety of settlers in the West Bank and Gaza. In his logic, Rabin was effectively chasing them down with the intent to kill them. A concomitant principle is *Din moser*. "*Moser*" means to hand over. A person who handed over Jews to a hostile power, in this case the newly formed Palestinian Authority, was subject to harsh punishment. In fact, Din moser mandated death for the offender. If Rabin was, as Amir believed, a *moser*, then it was Amir's duty to kill him.

Dan Ephron

Among the tragic ironies of this episode is that the murder of Rabin took place at Israel's largest peace rally ever. More than 100,000 people showed up at Kings of Israel Square in Tel Aviv. During the preceding months, protesters raised banners with images of Rabin in a *kafiyah*, or in a Nazi uniform. They called him a murderer, a collaborator. Shouts of "Death to Rabin!" and "Rabin the Nazi!" were heard. Ephron adds: "Netanyahu remained silent through all this. He rose in eminence as Rabin faded from favor. Leah Rabin never forgave him." Within Israel, the Oslo accords were a source of discord. People saw its signers as traitors. Hence: *din rodef* and *din moser.*

Rabin was assassinated on November 4, 21 years ago. Today, as we approach the 2016 presidential election in this country, Friedman warns that Trump's inflammatory language could, like the rhetoric in Israel at that time, end up inciting similar violence. Friedman and many other political savants have enumerated the ways in which Donald Trump practices demagoguery, appealing to the nation's lowest common denominator. Non-partisan fact-checkers have cited Trump's unprecedented numbers of pants-on-fire lies. Yet he smears his opponents with denigrating epithets and toxic innuendo. The violence about which Friedman warns in his August 9 article has already insinuated itself in schools, where bullying has risen. Trump's memes were found scrawled on lockers and placards. Many students now fear going to school. We must ensure that this country remains a place where everyone is free to pursue liberty and justice and where our first (and second) amendment rights are truly respected and not perversely framed to justify a violent desecration of the very core of our democracy. Dan Ephron's warnings are to be heeded not just in Israel, but around the globe. ■

October 2016

Saturday 1

Torah Study: TBE. Join Rabbi Whinston for text study and discussion of the week's Torah portion. 8:50 a.m.

Shabbat services: *See listing at the end of the calendar.*

Sunday 2

Rosh Hashanah Family Celebration: BIC. 4 p.m.

Rosh Hashanah Observance: JCS. A time for renewal, reflections, and new beginnings. The blast of the shofar will bring the community together to begin a time of reflection through music, readings, and a creative observance. Followed by an Oneg. At the JCC. Suggested donation of $25/observance or $50 for all three observances (Rosh Hashanah, Kol Nidre, Yom Kippur). $10/students or $25/all three; $50/families or $100/all three. Register at jewishculturalsociety.org. 7 p.m.

Rosh Hashanah Services: Chabad. 7 p.m.

Erev Rosh Hashanah Services: BIC. 8 p.m.

Erev Rosh Hashanah Services: TBE Congregational Service. Pease Auditorium, Eastern Michigan University. 8 p.m.

Monday 3

Rosh Hashanah Services: BIC. Shaharit Services, 8 a.m; Children's Programs for K–8th grade, 10 a.m.; Mincha and Tashlich, 5 p.m.; Maariv, 7:15 p.m.

Rosh Hashanah Services: TBE. Family Service at 9 a.m. at Pease Auditorium, Eastern Michigan University (EMU); Traditional Service at 10:45 a.m. at Pease Auditorium, EMU; AARTY Service for Grades 9–12 at 11 a.m. at TBE (drop-off from 10–11 a.m. and brunch following service); Tashlich Service with traditional readings and familiar songs, plus symbolic casting away of sins at 1:45 p.m. at Riverside Park in Ypsilanti.

Birthday of the World Service: TBE. Preschool service for young children held in the sanctuary. Adult must accompany child. No ticket needed. 4:30 p.m.

Rosh Hashanah Services: AARC. No ticket needed. For information, phone 734-445-1910. Unitarian Universalist Building, 4001 Ann Arbor-Saline Road. Children's Services from 10:30–11:30 a.m. General Services from 9:30 a.m.–1 p.m. Tashlich at Island Park at 3:30 p.m.

Rosh Hashanah Services: Pardes Hannah. Traditional Jewish Renewal. Services and Shofar followed by Kiddush. St. Aiden's, 1679 Broadway. 9:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Rosh Hashanah Services: Chabad. Morning Services at 9:45 a.m.; Sounding of the Shofar, followed by festive meal, 11:30 a.m.; Afternoon Services and Tashlich Riverside Services, 4 p.m.

Tashlich: JCS. Gathering on banks of the Huron River for potluck dinner and chance to "cast off "or let go of shortcomings of the past year. Register at jewishannarbor.org. No charge for JCS members. Donation requested from non-members. Island Park. Noon.

Tuesday 4

Rosh Hashanah Services: BIC. Shaharit Services, 8 a.m; Children's Programs for K–5th grade, 10 a.m.; Mincha and Maariv, 7 p.m.

Rosh Hashanah Services: Pardes Hannah. Meditation and Chant Service. Services and Shofar at St. Aiden's, 1679 Broadway. Kiddush and Tashlich to follow at home of Lucinda and Oran, 350 Rock Creek Drive. 9:30 a.m.–1 p.m.

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Rosh Hashanah Services: Chabad. Morning Services, 9:45 a.m.; Sounding of the Shofar, 11:30 a.m.; Afternoon/Evening Services, 7 p.m.

Wednesday 5

Theology Book Club: BIC. 8 p.m.

Thursday 6

Film showing: JCC. *The Life and Times of Hank Greenberg.* In the run up to the World Series, watch this documentary about America's first Jewish baseball star. For information, contact Rachael at 734-971-0990 or email rachaelhoffenblum@jccannarbor.org. 12:30–2 p.m.

Jewish Mindfulness Meditation Sit: TBE. Intention and instruction followed by 30-minute silent meditation. Facilitated by TBE executive director SooJi Min, practitioner Judy Freedman and therapist Dr. Quyen Epstein-Ngo. All three have extensive training and many years of experience. TBE chapel. For information, phone SooJi Min at (734) 665-4744. 1:30 p.m.

Hebrew Classes: TBE. Twelve-week term for adult learners of all levels. Course fee of $180 for members and $200 for non-members; $50 for full-time college students. Hebrew 104 at 5 p.m.; Hebrew 103 at 6 p.m.; Hebrew 101 at 5:30 p.m. For information, contact Danielle Goldberg at dgoldberg@templebethemeth.org or phone (734) 665-4744.

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Friday 7

Shalom Gever: TBE. Twelve-week martial arts instruction. 4 p.m. See October 4.

First Friday Shabbat: JCS. Includes secular readings, singing, candle lighting, challah and wine rituals, and a Yahrzeit observance to remember loved ones. After the observance, community shares catered dinner from local restaurant, followed by schmoozing and/or a special program. 6:30 p.m.

Friday evening services: *See listing at end of calendar.*

Saturday 8

Torah Study: TBE. 8:50 a.m. *See October 1.*

Tot Shabbat: BIC. 11:15 a.m.

Meet Rabbi Whinston: TBE. Enjoy a quiet, relaxing evening with TBE friends and talk with Rabbi Whinston about your TBE experience. Why did you join? What do you hope to get out of your TBE life? How can Rabbi Josh help you on your journey? Held at a TBE member home. Signup at www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0445a5a923a4f49-meet. 7 p.m.

Shabbat services: *See listing at the end of the calendar.*

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Calendar

Sunday 9

Sukkah Construction: BIC. 9:30 a.m.

Tanya–Jewish Mysticism: Chabad. Delve into the basic text of Chassidim and discover the beauty and depth of Judaism. 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Kever Avot Service: BIC and TBE. Joint Memorial Service and Cemetery Visitation at Memorial Gardens at Arborcrest Memorial Park. 30-minute outdoor service. 12:30 p.m.

Art Exhibit Reception: JCC. Reception for Jim and Esther Heitler Art Exhibit. For information, contact Karen at 734-971-0990 or email karenfreedland@jccannarbor.org. 4–6 p.m.

Monday 10

Men's Torah Study: TBE. Led by a lay leader on 2nd Monday and by Rabbi Whinston on 4th Monday. Participants find their way as men by wrestling with text. For information, contact Bill Parkus at parkus@comcast.com. 7 p.m.

Women's Torah Study: TBE. In-depth study and lively discussion of the week's Torah portion, led by Cantor Regina Hayut. The group explores various passages from the portion looking at several translations and commentaries from a variety of scholars from Talmudic times to the modern day. No Hebrew knowledge necessary. For information, contact cantorhayut@templebethemeth.org. 7 p.m.

Tuesday 11

Kol Nidre: Pardes Hannah. Preparation and reflection at 5:45 p.m. Candle lighting and service at 6:15 p.m. St. Aiden's. 1679 Broadway.

Yom Kippur Services: Chabad. Evening Services, 6:45 p.m.

Kol Nidre: JCS. Individual reflection and haunting melody of Kol Nidre. At the JCC. For information, contact info@jewishculturalsoceity.org. Register at jewishculturalsociety.org. 6:30 p.m.

Kol Nidre: BIC. 6:30 p.m.

Kol Nidre: AARC. No ticket needed. For information, phone 734-445-1910. Unitarian Universalist Building, 4001 Ann Arbor-Saline Road. Gathering and candle lighting at 6:45 p.m. Service promptly at 7 p.m.

Kol Nidre: TBE. Congregational Service at Pease Auditorium, Eastern Michigan University at 8 p.m. AARTY Service for Grades 9–12 at TBE at 8 p.m. (Drop-off and pre-service dessert from 7–8 p.m.) Tickets required.

Wednesday 12

Yom Kippur Services: BIC. Shaharit Service, 8 a.m.; Children's Programs K–8th grade, 10 a.m.; Yom Kippur Study, 4 p.m.; Mincha, 4:45 p.m.; Neila, 6:15 p.m.; Break the Fast, 7:40 p.m.

Yom Kippur Services: Pardes Hannah. Morning Service, 9 a.m.; Embodied Practice, 2:15 p.m.; Meditation, 3:30 p.m.; Mincha Accepting Deployment, 4 p.m.; Yizkor, 5 p.m.; Neila, 6:15 p.m.; Havdalah and Potluck Break-fast (vegetarian, vegan), 7:40 p.m.

Yom Kippur Services: TBE. Early Family Service at 9 a.m. and traditional service at 10:45 a.m. Both services at Pease Auditorium, Eastern Michigan University. Tickets required. Afternoon at TBE: Learning event with Rabbi at 2 p.m. in TBE Chapel; Silent Meditation at 3 p.m. in the Sanctuary; Afternoon Services at 2:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary; Yizkor/Neilah Service at 5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Yom Kippur and Torah Services: AARC. Children's Service, ages 5–12, and younger with parents, 10:30–11:30 a.m. General Services from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Yom Kippur Workshops on Meditation, The Book of Jonah, and Solitary Confinement, 2:15–5:30 p.m. Yizkor, a non-traditional service offering mourners the opportunity to share some words about the person they lost, 5:15–6:30 p.m. Neilah/Shofar/Havdalah from 6:45–7:45 p.m. Break-the-Fast at 7:45 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Building, 4001 Ann Arbor-Saline Road. No ticket needed. For information, phone (734) 445-1910 or see aarecon.org/high-holidays-2016/.

Yom Kippur Services: JCS. Participants consider how their actions affect greater community and consider Jewish tradition of Tikkun Olam. At the JCC at Noon. Break-the-Fast Potluck. Bring vegetarian, nut-free dish to share. At the JCC at 6 p.m.

Yom Kippur Services: Chabad. Morning Services, 9:45 a.m.; Yizkor Memorial Services, 12:30 p.m.; Afternoon/Evening Services, 5 p.m.

Yom Kippur Observance: JCS. Observance at 2 p.m. Break-the-Fast at 6 p.m. Bring non-meat, nut-free dish to share. For information, contact info@jewishculturalsociety.org. At the JCC. Register at jewishculturalsociety.org. 2 p.m.

Thursday 13

Presentation: JCC. Learn about the local literary treasure of Nicola's Books. For information, contact Rachael at 734-971-0990 or email rachaelhoffenblum@jccannarbor.org. 1–2 p.m.

Jewish Mindfulness Meditation Sit: TBE. 1:30 p.m. *See October 6.*

Hebrew Classes: TBE. Twelve-week term for adult learners of all levels. *See October 6.*

Lulov Making: Chabad. Annual community event of putting together the four species and making the Lulav. Call for details, 734-995-3276. Lulav and Etrog pickup from 6–9 p.m.

Hebrew Classes: TBE. *See October 6.*

Friday 14

Shalom Gever: TBE. Twelve-week martial arts instruction. 4 p.m. See October 4.

Friday evening services: *See listing at the end of the calendar.*

Saturday 15

Shabbat services: *See listing at the end of the calendar.*

Sunday 16

Gan Katan: BIC. 9:30 a.m.

Tanya–Jewish Mysticism: Chabad. Delve into the basic text of Chassidim and discover the beauty and depth of Judaism. 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Meet Rabbi Whinston and Sunday Brunch: Sacred Aging: TBE. Discuss aging through a Jewish lens. Rabbi Whinston will lead a discussion for anyone with their own aging on their minds, as well as those concerned about the aging of a loved one. Held at a member home. www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0445a5a923a4f49-meet. 11 a.m.

Sukkot Services: TBE. Family Celebration at 6 p.m.

Sukkot Services: Chabad. Afternoon/Evening Services. 6:30 p.m.

Mincha and Maariv: BIC. 6:30 p.m.

Monday 17

Sukkot Services: BIC. Shaharit Service, 9:30 a.m.; Kiddush Luncheon, Noon; Maariv, 7:30 p.m.

Sukkot Services: Chabad. Morning Services, 9:45 a.m.; Afternoon/Evening Services, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday 18

Sukkot Services: BIC. Shaharit Service, 9:30 a.m.; Maariv, 7:30 p.m.

Sukkot Services: Chabad. Morning Services, 9:45 a.m.; Afternoon/Evening Services, 6:30 p.m.

Shalom Gever: TBE. Twelve-week martial arts instruction. 4 p.m. See October 4.

Spirituality Book Club: TBE. Read three books over next nine months. Attend Tuesday night sessions from 7:30–8:30 p.m. or Thursday afternoon sessions from 12:30–1:30 p.m. This month's discussion is the continuation of *The Sabbath* by Abraham Joshua Heschel, led by cantor emerita Annie Rose. Registration not required, but helpful. Email cantorannie@gmail.com.

Wednesday 19

Lunch and Learn: BIC. Noon.

Pizza in the Hut: BIC. 6 p.m.

Theology Book Club: BIC. 8 p.m.

Thursday 20

Jewish Mindfulness Meditation Sit: TBE. 1:30 p.m. *See October 6.*

Spirituality Book Club: TBE. 12:30 p.m. *See October 18.*

Presentation: JCC. Learn about what the UM's Kelsey Archeology Museum is digging up this winter. For information, contact Rachael at 734-971-0990 or email rachaelhoffenblum@jccannarbor.org. 1–2 p.m.

Meet Rabbi Whinston with Cocktails and Schmoozing: TBE. Spend a couple hours with the Rabbi sharing and schmoozing. No agenda, just fun and laughter. Held at member home. Signup at www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0445a5a923a4f49-meet. 6 p.m.

Weiseneck Symposium: Frankel Institute. Institute Fellows and other scholars will discuss "Arabs, Jews, and 'Arab-Jews:' Israel's Entangled Identities." UM Rackham Graduate School Assembly Hall, 915 East Washington Street. More information at lsa.umich.edu/judaic/news-events/all-events.html. 2–4 p.m.

Talmud–Jewish Civil Law: Chabad. 8 p.m. *See first Thursday of month.*

Friday 21

Shalom Gever: TBE. Twelve-week martial arts instruction. 4 p.m. See October 4.

Friday evening services: *See listing at the end of the calendar.*

Saturday 22

Torah Study: TBE. 8:50 a.m. *See October 1.*

Shabbat Limmud: BIC. 9 a.m.

Shabbat in the Sukkah: Pardes Hannah. Potluck lunch (vegetarian, vegan) at home of Linda and Elliot, 2924 Baylis Drive. 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Tot Sukkot and Shabbat: BIC. 11:15 a.m.

Author Talk: Join author Zoe Fishman at Shinola's event space at 301 South Main Street for a discussion about her new work *Inheriting Edith*. Appetizers and cocktails will be provided by Jolly Pumpkin restaurant. Cost is $10 for JCC members and $15 for community at large. For more information contact karenfreedland@jccannarbor.org or phone (734) 971-0990.7–9 p.m.

Meet Rabbi Whinston with Sangria in the Sukkah: TBE. In your 20s or 30s? Shake the lulav and sip sangria with Rabbi Josh Whinston in his sukkah. Signup at www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0445a5a923a4f49-meet. 8 p.m.

Shabbat services: *See listing at the end of the calendar.*

Sunday 23

Hashanah Rabbah Services: Chabad. Participants receive own bunch of willows for the services. 8:30 a.m.

K–5 Torah Celebration: BIC BIRS. 10:30 a.m.

High School Jump: BIC. At Sky Zone. 10:30 a.m.

Simchat Torah Celebration : TBE. 6:15 p.m.

Shmini Atzeret Services: Chabad. Special event Dancing with the Torah (not Simchat Torah), 6:25 p.m.

Mincha and Maariv: BIC. 6:30 p.m.

Monday 24

Shmini Atzeret Services and Simchat Torah: Chabad. Morning Services and Memorial Services, 9:45 a.m.; Afternoon/Evening Services, 6:20 a.m. All night dancing for Simchat Torah, 7:30 p.m.

Sukkot Yizkor and Luncheon: TBE. 11 a.m.

Maariv and Hakafot: BIC. 6:45 p.m.

Men's Torah Study: TBE. 7 p.m. *See October 10.*

Tuesday 25

Simchat Torah Services: BIC. Shaharit and Hallel, 8:30 p.m. Torah Reading and Hakafot, 10:15 a.m. Maariv, 7:30 p.m.

Simchat Torah Services: Chabad. Morning Services with Torah dancing, followed by annual deli Simchat Torah lunch. 9:45 a.m. Afternoon/Evening Services, 6:15 p.m.

International Shul of Pancakes: BIC. 9:30 a.m.

Shalom Gever: TBE. Twelve-week martial arts instruction. 4 p.m. See October 4.

Wednesday 26

Lunch and Learn: BIC. Noon.

Meet Rabbi Whinston at Zingerman's BAKE! Class: TBE. Meet the Rabbi while learning tips to make flaky and tender "Scrumptious Scones and Buttery Biscuits." Leave with recipes and three dozen pastries to take home. $75. Signup at www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0445a5a923a4f49-meet. 6 p.m.

Theology Book Club: BIC. 8 p.m.

Thursday 27

Presentation: JCC. Bob Davidow, of the Michigan League of Women Voters, will discuss the League's proposed amendment, a "Response to Gerrymandering," which they hope will encourage greater participation in elections. For information, contact Rachael at 734-971-0990 or email rachaelhoffenblum@jccannarbor.org. 1–2 p.m.

Jewish Mindfulness Meditation Sit: TBE. 1:30 p.m. *See October 6.*

Hebrew Classes: TBE. Twelve-week term for adult learners of all levels. *See October 6.*

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Talmud–Jewish Civil Law: Chabad. 8 p.m. *See first Thursday of the month.*

Friday 28

Meet Rabbi Whinston at Lunch and Learn: God Talk: TBE. Have a bone to pick with God? Come to a Friday group and hear Rabbi Whinston's thoughts on our love/hate relationship with God. Signup at www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0445a5a923a4f49-meet. Noon.

Shalom Gever: TBE. Twelve-week martial arts instruction. 4 p.m. See October 4.

Sixth Grade Shabbaton: BIC. Begins at 5 p.m.

Tot Shabbat: AARC. At the JCC. 5:45–6:45 p.m.

Fourth Friday Shabbat Service and Potluck Dinner: AARC. Kabbalat Shabbat services are led by Rabbi Alana Alpert. Services followed by vegetarian potluck dinner. Pizza nosh for children and childcare provided during services from 6:30–8 p.m. Reservations requested for pizza and childcare. For information, phone (734) 445-1910 or email info@aarecon.org. At the JCC. 6:30-10 p.m.

Friday evening services: *See listing at the end of the calendar.*

Saturday 29

Shabbat services: *See listing at the end of the calendar.*

Sunday 30

Sukkah Deconstruction: BIC. 9:30 a.m.

Chant Circle: Pardes Hannah. At the home of Linda Greene, 3300 East Delhi Road. For information, email lingreene@gmail.com or phone (734) 662-2029. 10:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Meet Rabbi Whinston with Sunday Brunch: TBE. Do you have a story to tell about TBE that Rabbi would enjoy/should know? Come tell your tale. Signup at www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0445a5a923a4f49-meet. 11 a.m.

Minyan: BIC. Moves to 5 p.m.

"Anti-Semitism Since 1945: What Has Changed?" Hadassah. Presentation by Victor Lieberman, UM professor, comparing social and cultural currents in Europe that generated the Holocaust, with contemporary pressures in Europe and the Mideast sustaining anti Zionism and anti-Semitism. Register by contacting Maxine Solvay at solvaym@att.net or phone (734) 668-668-1901. Location provided after registration.

Monday 31

Chamber Concert: JCC. Afternoon of music starring the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra. $10/person. For information, contact Karen at karenfreedland@jccannarbor.org or phone (734) 971-0990. Tickets available at www.a2so.org. 1–2:30 p.m.

Weekly Friday night Shabbat services

Shabbat Service: AAOM. Services held at UM Hillel. Call (734) 994-9258 in advance to confirm time.

Shabbat Service: BIC. 6 p.m.

Shabbat Service: TBE. Tot Shabbat at 6 p.m., followed by tot dinner. Traditional Service at 7:30 p.m. Once a month Middle School Service at 7:30 p.m. For information, call (734) 665-4744.

Shabbat Service: Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Congregation. 6:15 p.m. at the JCC the fourth Friday each month. Musical Shabbat service followed by vegetarian potluck. Pizza nosh for the kids at 6:00 p.m. Childcare provided during the service. All are welcome to attend. For information, call 975-6527, email mamacohen@comcast.net, or visit www.aarecon.org.

Shabbat Service: Chabad. Begins at candlelighting time. Home hospitality available for Shabbat meals and Jewish holidays. Call (734) 995-3276 in advance.

Weekly Shabbat services

Shabbat Services: AAOM. Morning service, 9:30 a.m. Evening service, 35 minutes before sunset. Call 662-5805 for information. Mincha/Ma'ariv with Seudah Shlisheet and Dvar Torah every week. Torah topics and a bite to eat. Discussions led by Rabbi Rod Glogower and other local scholars. Home hospitality available for Shabbat meals. UM Hillel.

Shabbat Services: BIC. 9:30 a.m. Morning childcare from 10 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Shabbat Services: AA Reconstructionist Congregation. Morning services held the second Saturday of each month at the JCC from 10 a.m.–noon integrating traditional liturgy with music, chanting and contemporary readings including Torah service and discussion. A morning of songs and text study takes place the first Saturday of each month. For info, email info@aarecon.org or call (734) 913-9705 or visit www.aarecon.org.

Shabbat Services: Chabad. Friday night services at Shabbat candle lighting time. Saturday morning services at 9:45 a.m. Afternoon services 45 minutes before sundown. Call (734) 995-3276 for Home Hospitality and Meals for Shabbat and Jewish Holidays.

Shabbat Services: Pardes Hannah. Generally meets the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month. Call (734) 663-4039 for more information. 10 a.m. Led by Rabbi Elliot Ginsburg.

Shabbat Services: TBE. Torah Study with Rabbi Whinston at 8:50 a.m. Sanctuary Service at 10 a.m. most weeks. Call the office at (734) 665-4744 or consult website at www.templebethemeth.org for service details.

Home Hospitality for Shabbat and Holiday Meals: AAOM. Call (734) 662-5805 in advance.

Home Hospitality and Meals: Chabad. Every Shabbat and Holiday. Call (734) 995-3276 in advance.

Phone numbers and addresses of organizations frequently listed in the calendar:

Ann Arbor Orthodox Minyan (AAOM)
1429 Hill Street (734) 994-5822

Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Congregation (AARC)
2935 Birch Hollow Drive (734) 913-9705

Beth Israel Congregation (BIC)
2000 Washtenaw Ave. (734) 665-9897

Chabad House of Ann Arbor
715 Hill Street (734) 995-3276

Jewish Community Center (JCC)
2935 Birch Hollow Drive (734) 971-0990

Jewish Cultural Society (JCS)
2935 Birch Hollow Drive (734) 975-9872

Jewish Family Services (JFS)
2245 South State Street (734) 769-0209

Jewish Federation
2939 Birch Hollow Drive (734) 677-0100

Pardes Hannah
2010 Washtenaw Ave. (734) 761-5324

Temple Beth Emeth (TBE)
2309 Packard Road (734) 665-4744

UM Hillel
1429 Hill Street (734) 769-0500

Shabbat Candlelighting

October 7	6:48 p.m.
October 14	6:36 p.m.
October 21	6:25 p.m.
October 28	6:15 p.m.

MIBB to honor Michael Levine and Stan Meretsky at annual awards dinner

Pam Lippitt, special to the WJN

The Michigan Israel Business Bridge (MIBB) will hold their 2016 Ambassador Awards Dinner on Wednesday, November 2, at The Westin in Southfield. MIBB will be presenting two awards at the dinner along with a special recognition of economic partners.

Michael Levine

The Chuck Newman Impact Award will be presented to Michael Levine, of Pinkney. Levine is an engineer, entrepreneur and inventor, with over 60 patents to his name, some of which we use in our homes every day. Levine has been a supporter of the Michigan Israel Business Bridge and the MIBB Educational Foundation since it founding.

The MIBB Volunteer of the Year award will be presented to Stan Meretsky. Meretsky began his professional career in advertising. He has owned McCullough Corporation, a surplus brokerage firm that works with manufacturers around the work, including Israel since 1992. Meretsky is a founding member of the Michigan Israel Business Bridge, serving on the board of directors and as an officer.

New this year, MIBB is dedicating a section of the dinner program to honoring their Economic Development Partners, whose financial and organizational support, have helped them reach remarkable success in under 10 years. Those groups who will be recognized include the Detroit Regional Chamber, Oakland County Economic Development and Community Affairs, Ann Arbor Spark, Macomb County Planning and Economic Development, The Right Place, and The Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

Previous Ambassador Award honorees include; General Dynamic Land Systems, Delphi Automotive, Chuck Newman and Dr. Eva Feldman.

MIBB is a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote business, investment and research opportunities. The organization is the premier resource for economic development between Michigan and Israel. The Ambassador Awards Dinner is an opportunity for the community to pay tribute to the honorees and support the work of MIBB. ■

Registration can be found at www.bitly.com/mibbawardsdinner2016.

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October 30, at 7 p.m. Space is limited. Registration is required; contact Maxine Solvay at solvaym@att.net or (734) 668-1901. Location of the talk will be specified upon registration.

Victor Lieberman is an historian of early modern Southeast Asia and Eurasia. He presently serves as the Raoul Wallenberg Distinguished University Professor of History and professor of Asian and Comparative History at the University of Michigan. His course on the history of the Arab-Israeli Conflict is one of the largest at the University of Michigan. He presents contrasting viewpoints for Arabs and Israelis with equal sympathy for each party. In 2014 he won the Golden Apple Award, conferred by student ballot, as the best teacher at the University of Michigan.

Hadassah is the largest Jewish women's organization in the United States with 330,000 members, associates, and supporters across the country. Hadassah's policy efforts support Israel's security, a future of peace in the Middle East, and stronger US-Israel relations. Hadassah also advocates for the rights of Jewish people around the world and promotes the centrality of Israel in Jewish life, in order to foster partnerships between Israel, Hadassah, and the American Jewish community. Hadassah — the Power of Women for Israel. For more information, visit www.hadassah.org. ■

Frankel Center, continued from page 1

During the academic year, the Frankel Center will present a number of public lectures, panels and symposia featuring these fellows. I want to highlight a few events that will take place in the fall. On Thursday, October 20, there will be a symposium on "Arabs, Jews and 'Arab-Jews': Israel's Entangled Identities," which will feature four of the fellows, as well as leading scholars from University of Chicago and New York University. On Tuesday, December 6, a panel on "Israel and Diaspora Relations: Past, Present, Future" will be held. More events are planned for the winter of 2017. ■

Shachar Pinsker is a Frankel Institute for Advanced Judaic Studies Head Fellow and associate professor of Near Eastern Studies and Judaic Studies.e

Vitals

Mazel tov

Lila Harris and Ilana Londry on their b'not mitzvah, September 24.
Ilana Metler on her bat mitzvah, October 15.
Sophie Reznick on her bat mitzvah, October 15.
Abigail Kohn on her bat mitzvah, October 15.
Eli Ensfield on his bar mitzvah, October 29.
Nathan Strauss on his bar mitzvah, October 29.
Paul and Leah Kileny on the marriage of their son, Joel Kileny, to Jenny Weiss.
Chuck and Sharon Newman on the birth of their granddaughter, Amelia Lynn Newman, on Monday, August 22, to parents Michael and Trish Newman.
Susan Ayer on the marriage of her son, Ray Daniel Ayer, to Dana Cone Schmidt, September 10.

Condolences

Milinda Teitelbaum on the death of her husband, Daniel Teitelbaum, August 17.
Beverly Gershowitz on the death of her son-in-law, Michael Green, also brother-in-law of Art Gershowitz and Barbra Mazie, August 24.
Arthur Feldman on the death of his mother, Mildred Feldman, August 25.
Michael Hertz on the death of his mother, Arlene H. Hertz, August 29.

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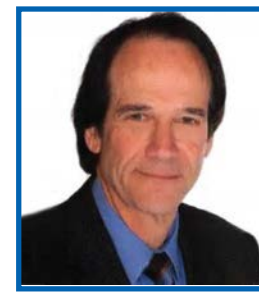

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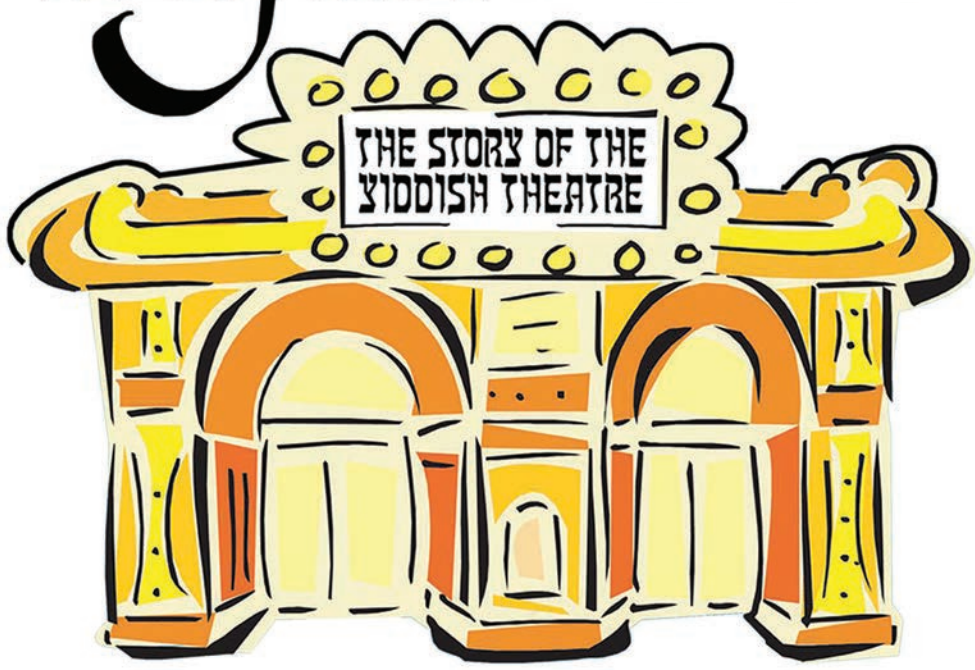

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The Maxwell Street Klezmer Band
with
Cantor Pavel Roytman

Wednesday, November 16, 2016 • 6:00-9:00 pm

Towsley Auditorium • Washtenaw Community College • Morris Lawrence Building
4800 East Huron River Drive, Ann Arbor

Main Event Co-Chairs: Elaine & Barry Margolis and Sara & Donny Wohl

6:00 pm • Wine and Hors d'oeuvres Reception

7:15 pm • Program Begins

8:45 pm • Light Dessert Reception

Kosher under supervision

Cost is $36 per adult • $18 for high school & college students

You may register online at www.jewishannarbor.org/ME2016
or contact Cindy Adams at 734-677-0100.

Please respond by November 9.

A minimum gift of $100 per family to the Federation's 2017 Annual Campaign is required to attend. You will have the opportunity to make your pledge at the event.

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